



The Wine World is Here

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL
Feb 23–Mar 3, 2019



GREAT FOOD. GREAT WINE LISTS. GREAT PEOPLE.

The following awards were presented at the 40th Vancouver International Wine Festival in March.

Spirited Industry Professional



Barbara Philip MW

The annual Spirited Industry Professional Award is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the sales, service or promotion of wine in British Columbia.

Barbara Philip was the first Western Canadian to achieve the Master of Wine designation and is the only woman in Canada with this distinction. For close to 10 years she has managed the European Portfolio at BC Liquor Stores, and is a presenter, educator, journalist and wine judge.



Sommelier of the Year



Sean Nelson, sommelier, Vij's

The Sommelier of the Year Award recognizes working sommeliers who consistently demonstrate an outstanding passion for marrying wine with food and a dedication to exceptional service. Sean Nelson was selected through a hands-on competition organized by the BC Chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers.

Sean grew up in Greater Vancouver and entered the hospitality industry at age 16. After being bitten by the wine bug, he completed his WSET Intermediate and Advanced certification with Distinction and is working towards sitting the Master Sommelier Examination in 2019.



Vintners Brunch Food and Wine Pairing Competition



Executive Chef Poyan Danesh Ocean Mama Seafood

Organic Black Tiger Shrimp, Textures of Cauliflower, Almond Dust, Bacon Vinaigrette

paired with
Intersection Estate Winery
Reserve Viognier-Marsanne Barrel Ferment 2014

Expert judges were Julian Bond, Josh Clark, Tim Pawsey and Joanne Sasvari.



WINE PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2018



The Wine Program Excellence awards recognize restaurants for creating a wine program that complements their establishment's unique menu and concept. Expert judges were Tom Doughty, Jay Jones, DJ Kearney, Iain Philip, and Jason Yamasaki.

METRO VANCOUVER

Platinum

L'Abattoir
Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar
Burdock & Co.
CinCin Ristorante + Bar
Hawthorn Restaurant
Vij's

Gold

AnnaLena
Chambar
Mak N Ming – Best New Entry
Mission
Mott 32
Nightingale
Provence Marinaside/The Wine Bar
Savio Volpe
Tap Restaurant
Yuwa Japanese Cuisine

Silver

Ancora Waterfront Dining and Patio
Boulevard Kitchen & Oyster Bar
Fable Kitchen
Forage
Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House
PiDiGiN
The Stable House Bistro
Wilbebest

Bronze

Le Crocodile
Homer St. Cafe and Bar
Tableau Bar Bistro
Tramonto at River Rock
Casino Resort
Tuc Craft Kitchen
West Restaurant

Honourable Mention

Feast
The Mackenzie Room
Yew Seafood + Bar

WHISTLER

Gold

Araxi Restaurant + Oyster Bar

Silver

Alta Bistro

Bronze

Basalt Wine + Salumeria

VANCOUVER ISLAND

Gold

Agrius Restaurant (Victoria)

Silver

Nourish Kitchen & Café (Victoria)
OLO Restaurant (Victoria)

Honourable Mention

10 Acres Kitchen (Victoria)
Artisan Bistro (Victoria)
Ocean7 AQUA Bistro
at Kingfisher Resort (Courtenay)
Pacific Prime Restaurant & Lounge,
The Beach Club Resort (Parksville)
Unsworth Restaurant (Mill Bay)

BC INTERIOR

Gold

Emerald Lake Lodge (Field)

ALBERTA

Platinum

Cilantro (Calgary)

Gold

The Lake House (Calgary)
Vin Room Mission (Calgary)
Vin Room YYC Airport (Calgary)

Silver

Buffalo Mountain Lodge (Banff)
Deer Lodge (Lake Louise)
Rouge (Calgary)
Vin Room West (Calgary)

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