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FEB 23–MAR 3, 2019

VANCOUVER
INTERNATIONAL
WINE FESTIVAL



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2019 CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

The 41st Vancouver International Wine Festival proudly honoured the people and venues that make such a significant contribution to the B.C. wine and food culture. The following awards were presented at the 16th Annual Awards Lunch Featuring California Wines, presented by ContainerWorld, on Friday, March 1.



SPIRITED INDUSTRY PROFESSIONAL

DJ Kearney, wine educator & writer

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.

DJ, a classically trained chef, has 18 years in the wine industry, embracing teaching, wine writing and wine criticism. She has trained over a thousand sommelier candidates throughout North America for the International Sommelier Guild and the Wine and Spirit Education Trust and has consulted for many global wine marketing bodies. DJ has also been the Drink Editor for *Vancouver Magazine*, chief judge for Vancouver Magazine International Wine Competition and critic/contributor for *WineAlign*. A seasoned wine judge, she has developed and mentored the next generation of judges. She has been Vice President of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers, BC Chapter and a member of Les Dames d'Escoffier. DJ has also been the Technical Director for both the best sommelier of BC and Canada and most recently was the curator of Judgment of BC.

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SOMMELIER OF THE YEAR

**Matthew Landry, General Manager/
Beverage Director, The Stable House Bistro**

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. Matthew Landry was selected through a hands-on competition organized by the BC

Chapter of the Canadian Association of Professional Sommeliers. As Sommelier of the Year, Matthew receives two Delta Air Lines vouchers valued at \$2,000 USD from the festival.

Matthew is originally from St. Catharines, Ontario and began his service career in the heart of Niagara wine country, nervously pouring things he couldn't pronounce and that, hopefully, came under screw cap. Some years ago, he got the chance to take over a list he had no business running at a now defunct restaurant in Toronto and since then, what started as a curious obligation, has evolved into a genuine passion. Matthew has since achieved his sommelier certification through the Court of Master Sommeliers, finished the WSET Level 3 Advanced, and completed the French and Italian Wine Scholar programs.

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42ND VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL

February 22–March 1, 2020

Featuring FRANCE



(l-r) Platinum winners: Bryant Mao (Hawksworth Restaurant); Shane Taylor (CinCin Ristorante + Bar); Nick Bertoia & Kristi Linneboe (L'Abattoir); Kelcie Jones & Mike Wong (Chambar); Michael Hiram & Scott Mitchell (AnnaLena); Chris Rielly (Nightingale); William Mulholland (Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar). Photo by Christine McAvoy

WINE PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS

2019

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WINE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM WINNERS

These awards pay tribute to restaurateurs who have committed to producing an original and creative wine program. Participating restaurants received careful consideration of their wine program by some of the finest, most professional judges in Western Canada.

Our judges: Tom Doughty, DJ Kearney, Martha McAvity, Iain Philip, Jason Yamasaki

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METRO VANCOUVER

Platinum

L'Abattoir
AnnaLena
Blue Water Cafe + Raw Bar
Chambar
CinCin Ristorante + Bar
Hawksworth Restaurant
Nightingale

Gold

Botanist
Elisa – Best New Entry
Savio Volpe
Tap Restaurant
Ugly Dumpling – Best Innovation
Yuwa Japanese Cuisine

Silver

Ancora Waterfront Dining and Patio
Captains Room
Le Crocodile
Fable Kitchen
Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House
Mott 32
PiDiGiN
Provence Marinaside / The Wine Bar
The Stable House Bistro
Tableau Bar Bistro
West Restaurant
Wildebeest

Bronze

Edible Canada
Homer St. Cafe and Bar
Piva Modern Italian
Tuc Craft Kitchen

Honourable Mention

Chi
Crowbar
Feast
Hart House Restaurant
LIFT Bar Grill View

WHISTLER

Gold

Il Caminetto

Silver

Araxi Restaurant + Oyster Bar

VANCOUVER ISLAND & COASTAL ISLANDS

Silver

10 Acres Kitchen (Victoria)
Agrius Restaurant (Victoria)
The Courtney Room (Victoria)

Bronze

Sonora Resort (Sonora Island)
Zambri's (Victoria)

Honourable Mention

Artisan Bistro (Victoria)
Summit Restaurant at the Villa Eyrie Resort (Malahat)

ALBERTA

Gold

Vin Room Mission (Calgary)
Vin Room YYC Airport (Calgary)

Silver

Vin Room West (Calgary)

Bronze

Clementine (Edmonton)

16 Countries

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16 COUNTRIES

25 VENUES

54 EVENTS

160 WINERIES

1,450 WINES