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Nominations Open for the 2015 Oregon Wine A-List Awards

PORTLAND, OREGON (October 20, 2014) — Nominations are officially open for the 2015 Oregon Wine A-List Awards. Formerly known as the Superior Cellar Awards, the rebranded Oregon Wine A-List Awards program honors restaurants and restaurant professionals that demonstrate outstanding commitment to advocating and celebrating the quality and diversity of the wines of Oregon.

Sponsored by the Oregon Wine Press and Oregon Wine Board, the Oregon Wine A-List Awards guide consumers to restaurants—both in-state and outside of Oregon—that promote and feature the wines of Oregon on their wine lists and in concert with their menus and cuisines.

Anyone can nominate a restaurant or a restaurant wine professional as a candidate for an Oregon Wine A-List Award by visiting www.oregonwinealist.com and completing an online nomination form by November 30, 2014.

Everyone wants to be on the A-List, but it takes a special commitment to the wines of Oregon to earn a spot on the Oregon Wine A-List. In 2015, awards will be given in the following categories:

Oregon Wine A-List Restaurant

This award is given exclusively to notable restaurants that display a distinguished commitment to Oregon wine by featuring a distinctive selection of wines from Oregon on their by-the-bottle and/or by-the-glass wine lists. The Oregon Wine A-List designation will be awarded to as many nominated restaurants as, in the opinion of the judges, meet the qualifications for an A-List Award.

Oregon Wine A-List Regional Star Restaurant

Six Oregon Wine A-List Regional Star awards will be given to restaurants that excel at promoting Oregon wine through education as well as integration into their offerings. One Regional Star Restaurant award will be given in each of the following geographies: Portland Metro, Willamette Valley, Southern Oregon, Columbia Gorge, Oregon Coast/Central Oregon, and National/International.

Oregon Wine A-List Restaurant of the Year

The prestigious 2015 Oregon Wine A-List Restaurant of the Year Award will be presented to one restaurant, regardless of location, that has demonstrated a singular devotion to promoting, advocating, and celebrating Oregon wine.

Oregon Wine A-List Regional Sommelier of the Year

Six individual restaurant sommeliers or wine directors, one from each region listed above, will be recognized for their personal commitment to featuring Oregon wines and educating their customers on the quality and diversity of the wines from Oregon.

Oregon Wine A-List Sommelier of the Year

This coveted award will be given to the single restaurant wine professional, regardless of location, who has excelled at developing creative and innovative ways to integrate Oregon wines into their restaurant's offerings and share their personal passion for Oregon wines with their clientele.

Winners of the 2015 Oregon Wine A-List Awards will be announced on February 24, 2015 at an awards dinner held during the Oregon Wine Symposium in Portland.

To make a nomination, or to learn more about the program and judging process, please visit the Oregon Wine A-List Awards website at www.oregonwinealist.com.

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About Oregon Wine Press.

Oregon Wine Press is a monthly consumer publication dedicated to Oregon wine, Pinot noir, food, vineyards, winemakers, and insider-industry happenings. Established in 1984, OWP was acquired and re-imagined in 2006 by the News-Register Publishing Co., which is located in the heart of Oregon wine country, McMinnville, Oregon. Visit www.oregonwinepress.com

About the Oregon Wine Board.

The Oregon Wine Board is a semi-independent Oregon state agency managing marketing, research, and education initiatives that support and advance the Oregon wine and wine grape industry. The Board works on behalf of all Oregon wineries and independent growers throughout the state's diverse winegrowing regions. Visit www.oregonwine.com

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