



Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Awards 2014 Winners announced

10th September 2014, London - Last night Champagne Louis Roederer and the judges of the 2014 Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Awards announced the winners of this year's competition. The presentation of the tenth annual competition took place at The Royal Academy of Arts on London's Piccadilly and was attended by wine writers, journalists, members of the wine trade and publishers from around the world, reflecting the ever-increasingly international nature of the competition. The competition's tenth birthday was marked by a special service of Cristal 2006 in beautiful Jamesse champagne flutes which were designed especially by the head sommelier at the revered *Les Crayères* restaurant in Reims.

The winners are:

CATEGORY 1 – THE ARTISTRY OF WINE AWARD 2014

- Adrian Lander

CATEGORY 2 –DOMAINES SCHLUMBERGER EMERGING WINE WRITER OF THE YEAR 2014

- Emma Symington

CATEGORY 3 – RAMOS PINTO ONLINE COMMUNICATOR 2014

- Tim Atkin

CATEGORY 4 – DOMAINE FAIVELEY INTERNATIONAL WINE BOOK OF THE YEAR 2014

- *The New California Wine* – Jon Bonné

CATEGORY 5 – DOMAINES OTT INTERNATIONAL FEATURE WRITER OF THE YEAR 2014

- Richard Mayson

CATEGORY 6 – CASTIGLION DEL BOSCO INTERNATIONAL WINE COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR AWARD 2014

- Nina Caplan

CATEGORY 7 – INTERNATIONAL SHORT COPY COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR 2014

- Susy Atkins

The Panel of Judges

The competition, which celebrates its tenth anniversary this year, has attracted some of the finest talent in the world of wine writing and journalism thanks in part to the consistently high quality of the judges. The competition was, since conception in 2005, chaired by Stephen Spurrier, President of the Circle of Wine Writers, distinguished and award-winning commentator and consultant editor



of Decanter Magazine, until 2008. Charles Metcalfe took the helm as chairman the following year in 2009.

DR JAMIE GOODE

With a PhD in plant biology, Jamie Goode worked for 15 years as a science editor. After starting wineanorak.com in 2000, he subsequently published three books, including *The Science of Wine* in 2014. Since 2005 Goode has been the wine columnist for *The Sunday Express*, as well as a regular contributor to a range of other publications. In 2006 he won the Glenfiddich Award for wine book of the year, and in 2007 winewriter of the year. In 2012 and 2014 his blog won best overall wine blog in the Wine Bloggers Awards (USA), and in 2012 he was blogger of the year for the International Wine and Spirits Competition.

ROBERT JOSEPH

Robert Joseph is the award-winning author of over 25 books on wine, including the *Complete Encyclopedia of Wine*, *French Wines* and the *Wine Tourism Guide to the World*. With Charles Metcalfe, he launched both Wine International magazine and the International Wine Challenge. More recently, he helped to found *Meininger's Wine Business International*, the highly respected publication of which he remains editor at large, and launched his own controversial thejosephreport blog. Other current projects include an innovative venture called Greatfoodandwinesites, an interactive video-book full of wine-related clips and an interactive Wine Marketing Toolkit. Robert is also involved in producing wines in France under the le Grand Noir and Greener Planet labels.

CHARLES METCALFE

(CHAIRMAN OF THE JUDGES)

Author of numerous books including the award-winning *Wine and Food Lover's Guide to Portugal*, Metcalfe is also an acclaimed Wine Writer, Presenter, Co-chairman of the International Wine Challenge, and occasional blogger thewinesinger.blog.co.uk

GABRIELLA OPAZ

Born in Chicago, but living in Porto, Portugal, Gabriella has a Masters degree in Education, is a published writer, award winning speaker, dedicated runner, die-hard traveler and 15-plus year veteran of the world of gastronomy. Gabriella is the co-founder of Catavino.net, Vrazon.com and the Digital Wine Communications Conference that will be held in Switzerland this October.

MARGARET RAND

Margaret Rand is a previous winner of the Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Awards, a freelance wine writer and an international wine judge. She has edited several consumer and trade wine and spirit magazines, namely *Wine International*, *Wine & Spirit* and *Whisky Magazine*. She now writes regularly for *Decanter* and *World of Fine Wine* as well as for *Drinks Business*, *Imbibe*, *Square Meal* and the *Financial Times*. She is general editor of *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book* and is currently working on a new edition of her *Grapes & Wines* (with Oz Clarke).



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Note to editors: Where there was a conflict of interest for a judge with a category, the judge's marks were not taken into account nor were they present during that specific category discussion.

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