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The Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Awards 2016 Shortlist Announced

On Wednesday 27th July the Louis Roederer International Wine Writers Awards judging panel met at Maisons Marques et Domaines headquarters in London to determine the shortlists of the entries in the twelfth Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Awards.

The five judges, among them three previous LRIWWA winners, discussed at length the merits of over 200 entries from 19 different countries, judging each on style and content. After many difficult decisions with much debate, they agreed on the shortlisted entries for the Louis Roederer International Wine Writers' Awards 2016.

Charles Metcalfe, Chairman of the judges, commented, "I'm always amazed at how much good writing about wine there still is. And it doesn't just come from the UK and USA. Similarly, just when you think every possible wine book has already been written, more excellent new ones appear.

"Feature-writing is a very strong category, and there are some wonderful wine columnists. The emerging writers keep on coming (despite the fact that it's very hard to make a living writing about wine)."

Tim Atkin MW, added: "Rumours of the death of wine writing have been greatly exaggerated. This was a fantastic crop of columns, features, photographs and online submissions."

The quality of the categories this year was commented on by judge Sarah Jane Evans MW: "The feature writer category was exceptionally strong; the best were full of imagination and originality. At a time when the market for printed media is shrinking, it is really encouraging to see such strong writing getting published.

"A very lively short-list to choose from for the online writer: very pleased to see recognition for the excellent Spanish wine lover website."

Despite the heavy workload the judges had to shoulder, all the judges felt that the process afforded them a learning opportunity. Fiona Beckett commented: "In my first year judging the Roederer awards I was really impressed by the scale and breadth of work that wine writing now represents both online and in print. And on a personal level I learnt a lot - it was great to read about subjects I didn't know about or to see an original take on a well-aired subject."

Bill Knott succinctly concluded: "The entries this year were as fascinating and wide-ranging as the world of wine itself."

An invitation-only Awards Ceremony will be taking place to announce the winners at The Royal Academy of Arts, London, on Monday 12th September 2016.

Champagne Louis Roederer and the 2016 judges are delighted to announce this year's shortlist as follows:

CHAMPAGNE LOUIS ROEDERER ARTISTRY OF WINE AWARD 2016

- Frances Andrijich
- Leif Carlsson
- Herbert Lehmann
- George Rose
- Matt Wilson
- Jon Wyand

CHAMPAGNE LOUIS ROEDERER EMERGING WINE WRITER OF THE YEAR 2016

- Lauren Eads
- William Kelley
- Emily O'Hare
- Zachary Sussman
- Kelli White

RAMOS PINTO ONLINE COMMUNICATOR 2016

- Jane Anson
- Andrea Frost
- Andrew Jefford
- Yolanda Ortiz de Arri
- Ronald Washam
- Alder Yarrow

DOMAINE FAIVELEY INTERNATIONAL WINE BOOK OF THE YEAR 2016

- *The History of Wine in 100 Bottles* – Oz Clarke
- *The Wine Hunter* – Campbell Mattinson
- *Thirsty Dragon: China's Lust for Bordeaux and the Threat to the World's Best Wines* – Suzanne Mustacich
- *My Kind of Wine* – John Platter
- *Exploring & Tasting Wine: A wine course with digressions* – Berry Bros & Rudd

DOMAINES OTT INTERNATIONAL FEATURE WRITER OF THE YEAR 2016

- Jane Anson
- Felicity Carter
- Michael Edwards
- Anne Krebiehl MW
- Margaret Rand

CHAMPAGNE LOUIS ROEDERER INTERNATIONAL WINE COLUMNIST OF THE YEAR AWARD 2016

- Jon Bonné
- Michael Fridjhon
- Andrea Frost
- Andrew Jefford
- Guy Woodward

PIO CESARE FOOD AND WINE WRITER OF THE YEAR 2016

- Nina Caplan
- Dave McIntyre
- Lucy Shaw
- Qin Xie

The judges

CHARLES METCALFE - CHAIRMAN

Charles' past careers as a tour guide, security guard, freelance cook, investment analyst and opera singer were the perfect preparation for co-founding Britain's second consumer wine magazine (Wine International) and the International Wine Challenge. He served a 12-year term as drinks expert on Richard & Judy's 'This Morning' and has presented wine and food on many TV shows. He is also a wine consultant to the Corporation of London. His book, 'The Wine & Food Lover's Guide to Portugal', won the 2008 Louis Roederer International Wine Writer's Book Award, and he is Honorary President of the Association of Wine Educators.

Charles often tastes (and spit out, of course) 100 or more wines per day, all over the world. He is based near Gatwick, with a wife, children, two cats and a varying number of chickens, and still sings in the shower, the local village hall and, occasionally, at wine tastings.

TIM ATKIN MW

Tim Atkin MW is a wine writer, presenter and photographer. He writes for *Harpers*, *Gourmet Traveller Wine*, *Woman and Home*, *Jamie Magazine*, *Imbibe*, *Decanter* and *The World of Fine Wine*, is a co-chairman of the International Wine Challenge and one of the Three Wine Men, as well as his own award-winning website, timatkin.com.

Tim has won over 30 awards for his journalism and photography, including the 2015 Louis Roederer Feature Writer of the Year Award. In 2012 he was recognised as one of the ten most influential people in the wine world by Wine Intelligence. Tim enjoys collecting photography, keeping fit and singing. A fluent French and Spanish speaker, he was a European Union fellow on the Paris-based Journalists in Europe programme in 1993. In 2001 he passed the Master of Wine examination, winning the Robert Mondavi Award. He is a *Caballero del Vino*, a *Chevalier du Tastevin* and a member of the *Ordre du Bontemps*.

FIONA BECKETT

Fiona Beckett is an award-winning food and drink journalist, author and web publisher with 25 years of experience of writing for the UK's top newspapers and magazines.

She started her career on the features desk of *Today* and has since spanned the world of tabloid and broadsheet journalism, writing weekly columns for *The Times*, *Guardian* and *Daily Mail* and regular features for the *Telegraph* and *Sunday Times* food pages. In addition she is the contributing editor of *Decanter* magazine and a contributor to the wine magazine *Le Pan*. She has also written 23 books on a subjects ranging from beer to student cooking. In 2014 she was voted Blogger of the Year by the IWSC and was ranked no. 8 in the UK's top 10 food and drink journalists by the UK Press Gazette.

She is recognised as one of the UK's leading experts on food and drink pairing with her own award-winning website matchingfoodandwine.com. Fiona also has a natural wine blog Wine Naturally.

SARAH JANE EVANS MW

Sarah Jane Evans MW is an award-winning journalist who began writing about wine (and food, restaurants, and chocolate) in the 1980s. She started drinking Spanish wine – Sherry, to be specific – as a student of classics and social and political sciences at Cambridge University. This started her lifelong love affair with the country's wines, food and culture, leading to her appointment as a member of the *Gran Orden de Caballeros de Vino* for services to Spanish wine.

In 2006 she became a Master of Wine, writing her dissertation on Sherry and winning the Robert Mondavi Winery Award. Currently vice-chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine, Sarah Jane divides her time between contributing to leading wine magazines and reference books, wine education and judging wines internationally.

BILL KNOTT

Bill Knott started his career as a chef before co-founding the food and drink magazine *Eat Soup* in 1995. He has since written for a host of magazines and newspapers including the *Daily Telegraph*, *BBC Good Food* and *BA High Life* and – presently – *The Gannet* in the *Financial Times*. He is also the author of *Con Gusto*.

He has written the monthly *Masterclass* column in *Restaurant* magazine for the last ten years, featuring a host of top chefs cooking their favourite dishes. He has led food and wine tours to Champagne, Bordeaux, the Rhône, the Loire and Sicily, and writes the wine lists for the two Modern Pantry restaurants in London.

Bill has also featured frequently on television and radio, frequently as a judge on *The Great British Menu* as well as on Radio 4's *The Food Programme* and *Today*. When not travelling the world in pursuit of great food and wine, or as an ambassador for the international humanitarian charity Action Against Hunger, he lives in West London, surrounded by cookbooks. He never skips lunch.

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