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## Wine Enthusiast's 2014 Wine Star Award Nominees

The leading magazine in global wine lifestyle announces its nominations for the coveted award.

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Each year, the editors of *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* honor the individuals and companies that have made outstanding achievements in the wine and beverage world. Below are the nominees in each of the categories for 2014. The winners will be announced in the special December 31 Wine Star Awards issue, and the honorees will be presented their Wine Star Award trophies at a gala black-tie dinner in New York City on January 26, 2015.

New to this year's ceremony, the **Innovator/Executive of the Year** award celebrates the industry's most creative and influential trendsetter in the business space, and the **Brewery of the Year** award lauds a notable business in the fast-growing beer space whose work is influencing trends on a national level. The **Lifetime Achievement** award, granted to an exceptional individual who has had a major impact on the industry, will be named at a later date.

### Winemaker

#### **Angelos Iatridis, Alpha Estate, Greece**

Trained in Bordeaux, co-owner and winemaker Iatridis crafts exceptional wines from international varieties, but excels with native Greek varietals: Assyrtiko, Moschofilero, Agiorgitiko and Xinomavro. Helping found Alpha Estates in 1997, Iatridis has been a tireless ambassador for premium Greek wines.

#### **Celia Welch, Celia Welch Consulting, Corra, California**

With an enology degree from UC Davis, Welch started her winemaking career working throughout the Pacific Northwest and the U.S. East Coast, followed by New Zealand, Australia and finally, Napa. Welch started Celia Welch Consulting in 1991, with current clients including Scarecrow, Kelly Fleming, Barbour, Keever and Hollywood & Vine. After 25 years making wine for other vintners, Welch began her own brand, Corra, in 2004.

#### **Charles Smith, K Vintners, Charles & Charles, Washington**

A champion of Washington State wine, former rock-band manager Smith is behind numerous acclaimed brands that include Charles Smith Wines, K Vintners and Secco Italian Bubbles. The tireless entrepreneur also maintains Charles & Charles, a Trinchero-backed venture alongside Charles Bieler.

#### **Dr. Donato Lanati, Italy**

A famed Italian oenologist and member of the International Organization of the Grapevine and Wine, Lanati consults at vineyards and wineries throughout Italy, Georgia, Switzerland, Romania and Kazakhstan. He is also the founder of Enosis Meraviglia, a research center devoted to winemaking development and raising the quality of wine through a scientific approach.