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THE 2015 WINE ENTHUSIAST WINE STAR AWARDS

Raising a glass to the best and brightest in the industry.

Wine, spirits and beer industry luminaries poured into Manhattan's magical New York Public Library for *Wine Enthusiast's* 16th annual black-tie gala. Attendees enjoyed cocktails from Belvedere Vodka and New Amsterdam, as well as select pours from the night's winners. The awards show kicked off with a performance by Grammy and Oscar award-winning singer/songwriter John Legend, who then accepted the first ever Wine & Culture award with Winemaker Jean-Charles Boisset for their collaboration, Legend Vineyard Exclusive. Those honored also included Angelo Gaja, accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award and, Michael Mondavi of Robert Mondavi Winery, *W.E.'s* Person of the Year. The evening's momentum got a jolt when Jean-Baptiste Lecaillon, Winemaker of the Year, invited servers to pop open magnums of Louis Roederer's 2006 Cristal.



Front row, left to right: Lara Trump, Eric Trump, Jean-Charles Boisset, John Legend, Chrissy Teigen, Erika Strum Silberstein; Back row, left to right: Adam Strum, Marc Taub, Sybil Strum, Chris and Mache Indelicato, Elliot Silberstein



Adam Strum pours 2006 Cristal



Winners, left to right: Jordan Sager, Importer of the Year; Anibal Larrain, New World Winery of the Year; Angelo Gaja, Lifetime Achievement Award; Adam and Yale Sager, Importer of the Year; Camilla Lunelli, European Winery of the Year; Claire Smith-Warner, Mixologist of the Year; Justin Baldwin, American Winery of the Year; Matteo Lunelli, European Winery of the Year; Helen Mackey, Sommelier/Wine Director of the Year; Michael Mondavi, Person of the Year; Adam Strum; Aurelio Montes, Innovator/Executive of the Year; Jean-Baptiste Lecaillon, Winemaker of the Year; Annette Alvarez-Peters and Kirk Johnson, Retailer of the Year; Jean-Charles Boisset, Wine & Culture Award; Sam Calagione, Brewery of the Year; Ernest J. Gallo, Spirit Brand of the Year; Galen Schmiedt, Wine Region of the Year.



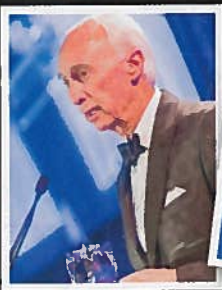
John Legend performing "All of Me"



Alex Guarachi with Bernardita and Aurelio Montes



W.E. CEO Sybil Strum and Helen Mackey



Justin Baldwin



Sam Calagione



Angelo Gaja



Matteo and Camilla Lunelli with W.E. Executive Editor Susan Kostrzewa

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