

# SAN DIEGO BAY WINE + FOOD FESTIVAL

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**SAN DIEGO BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL PARTNERS WITH THE  
SOMMELIER INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

*Award-winning Wines from Across the World Take Center Stage at the San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival During Signature Tasting Event*

**San Diego, CA (October 8, 2014)** – The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual [San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival](#), announces its partnership with the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition. Festival Attendees will have an opportunity to taste Platinum and Gold award-winning wines from the competition in an exclusive tasting room, during The Vault: Reserve and New Release Tasting on Friday, November, 21 said Ken Loyst co-producer of the Festival.

During the weekend of September 20 and 21, 2014, more than 800 wines from various countries competed in The Sommelier Challenge, and were evaluated by a team of certified sommeliers from New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego in hopes of winning Platinum and Gold medals. [Food and wine](#) festival attendees will now have the opportunity to try these award-winning wines firsthand during the annual culinary classic.

“Each year we look forward to the partnership with the Sommelier Challenge,” added Loyst. “Our attendees receive access to an exclusive tasting of many of the best wines in the world, as judged by a prestigious panel of Certified Sommeliers. This is a true treat for wine enthusiasts who will have the rare opportunity to taste these award-winning wines, all within the course of one evening.”

An exclusive and elegant evening for collectors of fine wine, The Vault: Reserve and New Release Tasting & Silent Auction, sets the stage for wine enthusiasts to taste the pride of the vine from over 200 wineries and spirits producers. Exciting silent auction items such as large format bottles, libraries and decanters take the spotlight with proceeds benefiting culinary arts and enology scholarships awarded by The American Institute of Wine & Food. A limited number of tickets are available and to taste the award-winning wines from the Sommelier International Wine Competition are available, and are reserved on a first come first serve basis. Additionally, attendees can upgrade their ticket to include access to “The Collection,” where lovers of art and fine wine enjoy premium wines valued at \$100 and above, while viewing the works of wine and food festival’s Official Artist, Christopher M.

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The Vault: Reserve and New Release Tasting will be held on the Inspiration Hornblower from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tickets for the San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival are available now. For more information about the Festival, visit [www.sandiegowineclassic.com](http://www.sandiegowineclassic.com).

## **SAN DIEGO BAY WINE & FOOD FESTIVAL**

The 11th Annual San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival is an international showcase of the world's premier wine and spirits producers, chefs and culinary personalities, and gourmet foods. Held November 16-23, 2014, the event benefits culinary arts and enology scholarships awarded by The American Institute of Wine & Food and the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs. Over 200 wineries, breweries and spirit companies, 70 of San Diego's top fine dining restaurants and 30 gourmet food companies will participate in the 2014 Festival. For more information visit [www.sandiegowineclassic.com](http://www.sandiegowineclassic.com). Produced by World of Wine Events and Fast Forward Event Productions. For more information call 619-312-1212.

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