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Several restaurants were recognized for their wine lists at the 30th Vancouver Playhouse International Wine Festival. Their wine lists were judged to complement the restaurant menus and concepts. (Candidates submitted wine lists and menus, and judges visited the restaurants.)

"The goal of the Wine List Awards is to recognize the quality, diversity and style of a restaurant's wine program and to inform restaurant patrons that the wine selections are well-chosen and that the staff is trained to advise them in their choices," said festival event coordinator Dan Threlfall. "The number of gold awards is a testament to the incredible level of wine knowledge in the restaurant industry. A few restaurants, however, raised the bar a level higher, so this year we added a new category to the awards -- platinum."

This year, the Sommelier of the Year Award, recognizing outstanding wine knowledge and service, went to Neil Ingram, sommelier and co-owner of Boneta Restaurant. Contenders were nominated by peers and the winner was chosen by a panel of wine experts.

## **BRONZE**

**Atrevida Restaurant, Galiano Island**

The Beach House, West Vancouver

Bistrot Bistro

Canoe Brewpub, Victoria

Gastropod

Gramercy Grill

Hart House Restaurant, Burnaby

Hastings House, Salt Spring Island

Haus Uropa Restaurant, Gibsons

Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria

Italian Kitchen

Nu Restaurant and Lounge

Restaurant 62, Abbotsford

Sal's Prime Steak House, Kelowna

Salmon House on the Hill, West Vancouver

Seymour Golf & Country Club, North Vancouver

Tomato Fresh Food Café

Zest

SILVER

The Aerie Resort & Spa, Victoria

Brix Restaurant & Wine Bar

Caffé dé Medici

Fifty Two 80 Bistro, Whistler

Goldfish Pacific Kitchen

Joe Fortes Seafood & Chop House

Le Gavroche

Nautical Nellies Steak & Seafood House, Victoria

The Observatory on Grouse Mountain, North Vancouver

Provence Marinaside

The William Tell Restaurant

PLATINUM

Blue Water Café and Raw Bar

Sooke Harbour House, Sooke

West

GOLD

Araxi Restaurant & Bar, Whistler

C Restaurant

Catch Restaurant, Calgary

Chambar

CinCin Ristorante

Cioppino's Mediterranean Grill

CRU

Divino Wine and Cheese Bistro, Calgary

The Fish House in Stanley Park

Fuel Restaurant

Il Terrazzo, Victoria

La Terrazza

Pearl on the Rock, White Rock

Rimrock Café, Whistler

Salt Tasting Room

Toasted Oak Wine Bar & Grill, Oliver

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