



## WINES OF PORTUGAL CELEBRATES 50 GREAT PORTUGUESE WINES LIST

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An impressive collection of Portuguese wineries were presented at New York City's Harold Pratt House on January 24, 2013 for the association's first 50 Great Gala in the United States. This year's list was chosen by Doug Frost, Master Sommelier and Master of Wine and formally presented for the first time at this historic event.

Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein joined Frost to lead a discussion and tasting of the top wines during a multi-course luncheon for over 100 members of the New York City press and trade.

In addition to highlighting top wines, Wines of Portugal also presented awards to this year's top retailer, restaurant and importer for their efforts in supporting the sales of Portuguese wines in the last year.

- Importer of the Year – Aidil Wines
- Restaurant of the Year – Aldea
- Retailer of the Year – WineLibrary

"Bringing this list to the United States was an important decision not only for celebrating the wineries that have a US presence," says Nuno Vale of Wines of Portugal, "but to also recognize key partners who have aided in promoting Portuguese wines in the US market."

Following the luncheon, guests were led to the grand tasting rooms upstairs to taste through a selection of wines representing this year's 50 Great Wines, Top 10 Best Values as well as the Top 10 of the Top while enjoying a variety of Portuguese and international canapés provided by Restaurant Associates.

The full list of the 50 Great Portuguese Wines can be found at:  
[www.winesofportugal.info](http://www.winesofportugal.info).

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### ABOUT VINI PORTUGAL

Created in 1997, ViniPortugal is a trade association whose aim is to promote Portuguese wines, brandies and vinegars in the domestic and target international markets. ViniPortugal provides strategic support to the Portuguese wine sector, bringing together organizations representing trade (ANCEVE and ACIBEV), production (FENAVI and FEVIPOR), cooperative wineries (FENADEGAS), distillers (AND), farmers (CAP), demarcated regions (ANDOVI) and government bodies (IVV). ViniPortugal's promotional activity is financed by a variable sum made from payments by producers to the Institute of Vine and Wine (IVV) for certifying their wines, brandies and vinegar.



## **ABOUT FULL CIRCLE WINE SOLUTIONS**



Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, Full Circle Wine Solutions is a global wine and spirits education firm that grows brand loyalty and client profits through tailored wine programs and effective hospitality training. Using a vast and established network of sommelier educators, the company hosts high quality and consistent wine tasting experiences across multiple locations around the world. Full Circle Wine Solutions also provides an online resource, WineCouch.com, for trade and consumers who have passion for wine and seek to grow their knowledge about wine.

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