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## PORTUGAL CELEBRATES THE LEADING LIGHTS OF THE UK WINE INDUSTRY

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### OLLY SMITH AND OZ CLARKE AMONGST THOSE RECOGNISED AT LONDON AWARDS DINNER

The Association of Portuguese Wine Importers (APWI) last night recognised outstanding contributions of personalities and companies supporting Portuguese wine at its annual awards dinner. **Olly Smith** and **Oz Clarke** were amongst those awarded at the event, hosted by Portuguese Ambassador, Dr João de Vallera, at the Portuguese Embassy in London last night.

The evening marked another successful year for Portuguese wines in the UK market and comes a week after producers showcased the best of Portuguese wines at the Wines of Portugal Annual Tasting in London. Olly Smith was named Portuguese Wine Journalist of the Year and Oz Clarke received the APWI award recognising his long-standing contributions to Portuguese wine in the UK.

In addition, Charles Metcalfe was invested with a special medal from the Portuguese government, after clearance from the British Foreign Office. This recognised his long-standing support and commitment to promoting Portuguese wines and foods abroad.

Other awards included:

Independent Retailer of the Year – Tanners Wine Merchants

National Retailer of the Year – Majestic Wines

Online / Mail order Retailer of the Year – The Wine Society

Restaurant of the Year – Nandos

Each recipient has shown great support for and commitment to growing Portuguese wine distribution throughout the UK, via education, communication and listings.

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