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## EVENT RECAP

### **Julie Dalton Reigns Supreme at Iron Sommelier Presented by AUTOSOL®**

*Periwinkle celebrates eleven years of the premier sommelier competition and wine tasting event*

- WHAT:** The Periwinkle Foundation's Iron Sommelier 2018, presented by AUTOSOL
- WHEN:** Thursday, November 8, 2018
- WHERE:** Houstonian Hotel, Club and Spa  
111 North Post Oak Lane  
Houston, TX 77024
- DETAILS:** 600 of The Periwinkle Foundation's board members, supporters and wine aficionados gathered at the Houstonian Hotel, Club and Spa for an evening of taste, entertainment and charity as 14 of Houston's finest sommeliers gathered to showcase their expertise for the title of *Iron Sommelier*. The event raised a record \$320,000 for Periwinkle's Camps, Arts and Survivor programs for children, teens and their families challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Competitor's hand-selected wines were carefully chosen to match their innovative themes. Sommeliers were rated on wine choice, presentation, creativity and knowledge of their wine selections. The expert panel of Master Sommeliers judging included Craig Collins, Nick Hetzel and June Rodil. While the competitors were being judged, guests traveled around the ballroom tasting wines and indulging in delectable pairings crafted by competitors' restaurant groups and The Houstonian Hotel.

Julie Dalton of Mastro's, first-time competitor at the event, took home the title of Iron Sommelier 2018 with her "Drink Gneiss Schist" theme. Julie becomes the first female Iron Sommelier winner. Other awards included:

**1<sup>st</sup> runner up** – Justin Vann, Theodore Rex and Public Services Wine & Whisky Bar

**2<sup>nd</sup> runner up** – Matt Crawford, State of Grace and La Lucha

**Underwriter Tasting, Best Presentation** – Adele Corrigan - 13 celsius Wine Bar and Justin Vann - Theodore Rex and Public Services Wine & Whisky Bar

**People's Choice** – Matt Crawford, State of Grace and La Lucha

**CHAIRS:** Sean Beck and John Clutterbuck

**GUESTS:** Sean Beck; Julie Cannoy and Doug Osburn; John and Anne Clutterbuck; Cyndi and Steve Ford; Keith Goldston, MS; David Keck, MS; Jack Mason, MS; Bobby Matos; Steven McDonald; Marilyn and Louis Mogas; Melinda and Matt Mogas; Erin and Eric Otness; Dr. Jayne and Dr. Carlos Rivera; Randa and KC Weiner

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**ABOUT:** The Periwinkle Foundation develops and provides programs that positively change the lives of children, young adults and families who are challenged by cancer and other life threatening illnesses and are cared for at Texas Children's Hospital. Funds raised through the Iron Sommelier help support the Periwinkle Camps, Arts and Survivor Programs that serve more than 14,000 children, teens and families. This is made possible by a collaborative community of 20,000 supporters with a reach of more than 12 million impressions worldwide.

For more information, visit [www.ironsoommelier.org](http://www.ironsoommelier.org) or [www.periwinklefoundation.org](http://www.periwinklefoundation.org).

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