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EVENT RECAP

The Periwinkle Foundation crowns Adele Corrigan Wade from 13 celsius Wine Bar as the 2022 Iron Sommelier Champion

Iron Sommelier, Houston's premier sommelier competition and wine tasting event, presented by AUTOSOL®, raised over \$420,000

WHAT: The Periwinkle Foundation's Iron Sommelier 2022, presented by AUTOSOL®

WHEN: Wednesday, November 9, 2022

WHERE: The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Park Houston

WHO: The event was chaired by Periwinkle board member **Sean Beck**. Major underwriters included **Mary Jo and Mick Cantu; Chienling and Dr. ChenWei Lee; Margie and Larry Wilson; Drs. Sue Jong and Charles Trinh** and **Randa and KC Weiner**.

DETAILS: A toast to this year's *Iron Sommelier* winner: [name] from [restaurant name]! Presented by AUTOSOL®, *Iron Sommelier* was held at The Post Oak Hotel at Uptown Park on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022 and welcomed 12 of Houston's top sommeliers in the city's premier wine tasting and competition benefiting The Periwinkle Foundation. Each competing sommelier selected three wines—which focused on a particular wine region, grape or style, and a panel of judges rated wine choice, presentation, creativity, and knowledge of their wine selections.

More than 450 Houston wine aficionados raised over \$420,000 for Periwinkle's Camps, Arts and Survivor programs for children, teens and their families challenged by cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

Sommeliers competing in the 2022 competition included: **Zachary Newman**, Bludorn; **Justyna Brewczyk**, Everywine; **Andrés Blanco**, Le Jardinier from The Bastion Collection; **Trevor Wiedeman**, MAD; **Evan Ortiz**, MARCH; **Skyler Ring**, Mastro's Steakhouse; **Chris Haven**, Pappas Bros. Steakhouse; **Dennis Vawter**, River Oaks Country Club; **Hector Ramirez**, Sonoma Wine Bar; **Adele Corrigan Wade**, 13 celsius Wine Bar; **Anthony Garza**, Trattoria Sofia; **Kelly Voelkel**, Vinology and Bombetta.

The competing sommeliers were judged by: **Brandon Kerne**, Master Sommelier AOC Selections/The Texas Wine School; **Leah Moorhead**, Wine Specialist and **Melissa Monosoff**, Master Sommelier.

Other awards included:

1st Runner Up – **Zachary Newman**, Bludorn Restaurant
2nd Runner Up – **Skyler Ring**, Mastro's Steakhouse

People's Choice – **Andres Blanco**, Le Jardinier
Underwriter Room Presentation – **Andres Blanco**, Le Jardinier

GUESTS:

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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 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.

For more information, visit www.ironsoommelier.org or www.periwinklefoundation.org.

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