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IRON SOMMELIER 2026

**A WINE TASTING AND
SOMMELIER COMPETITION**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026

Tasting Rooms Sponsored by



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2026
6PM TO 10PM

The Post Oak Hotel
AT UPTOWN HOUSTON

Casual Chic Attire

A sommelier competition with wines to taste and judge,
auction, wine pull, raffle and children's art sale.

SOMMELIERS OF DISTINCTION

HAROLD HOUP
13 Celsius Wine Bar

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55 Seventy

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AOC Selections &
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The Library Wine Bar

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Paul's Wine Pix

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MASTERS TASTING ROOM...A NIGHT WITH THE CHAMPIONS

Anniversary Reserve (\$15,000), Premier Grand Cru (\$10,000) and Connoisseur (\$2,500) Levels

Master Sommeliers and former Iron Sommelier champions will showcase hand-selected rare wines paired with a four-course dinner menu.

UNDERWRITER TASTING ROOM

Grand Cru (\$5,000) and Aficionado (\$1,000) Levels

In a private setting, our 2026 competing sommeliers will showcase their knowledge of an impressive wine which they personally selected while you enjoy a tasting menu.

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IRON SOMMELIER WINE CASE 2026

**Hand-selected by Iron Sommelier Champion 2025
ZACHARY NEWMAN, PAPPAS BROS. STEAKHOUSE**

BUZZ WORTHY BREAKOUTS: WINES READY TO TAKE THE STAGE

Alpha Estate 'Turtles Vineyard' Malagouzia 2025
Ar.Pe.Pe. Il Pettirossi Valtellina Superiore DOCG 2022
Chateau Musar Jeune Rouge 2022
Labranche Laffont Madiran Vieilles Vignes 2021
Illahé Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley 2025
Raventós i Blanc De Nit Rosé 2023

Full case includes 2 bottles of each selection. Half case is also available.

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