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## FRED TIBBITTS ASSOCIATES CELEBRATES 16<sup>TH</sup> SPRING DINNER

On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Fred Tibbitts Associates held its 16<sup>th</sup> annual “A Spring Evening in New York with Very Special Friends” at the MetLife Building, Vanderbilt Suites. Guests enjoyed a tradeshow-style reception and seated dinner, where the 2012 FTA Hospitality Awards for Excellence were announced. Fred Tibbitts, Jr. also presented a check of dinner proceeds to benefit Tibet House U.S.

1. Charles LaMonica, Restaurant Associates; Maureen Kennedy, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates; Fred Tibbitts, Jr., FTA; and William Slone, BMG
2. Roy Smith, MillerCoors
3. John Arden, Les Vins Gerard Bertrand
4. Carolyn White, Trincherro Family Estates; and Alyson Andersen, National Distributing Co.



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## THIRD ANNUAL DRINK RIBERA GRAND TASTING COMES TO NYC

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, “Drink Ribera. Drink Spain.”, which is the U.S. marketing campaign of the Consejo Regulador of Ribera del Duero, hosted over 100 wineries from the Ribera del Duero region of Spain at the third annual Drink Ribera Grand Tasting at the Trump Soho. The event attracted over 400 industry professionals and guests.

1. Participating Ribera del Duero winemakers and winery representatives
2. Jose Trillo, Ribera del Duero; and Don Pablo Alvarez, Vega Sicilia
3. The Ribera Connect Wine Bar and Tasting Room



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## SOMMELIERS EMBRACE CHILEAN WINE AT CORKBUZZ MASTER CLASS

On April 10<sup>th</sup>, over 30 Guild of Sommeliers members attended the Wines of Chile Master Class at Corkbuzz Wine Studio, led by Master Sommelier Fred Dexheimer. He was joined by fellow Master Sommeliers Laura Maniec (co-owner of Corkbuzz Wine Studio) and Cameron Douglas to discuss the four flights of wine featuring Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Carmenère from various regions of Chile.

Master Sommeliers Cameron Douglas and Fred Dexheimer

