

Mission Hill Family Estate Rewards Promising Wine Students with Wine Education Scholarships at Les Dames d' Escoffier's Annual Dinner

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June 26th, 2007 (Vancouver, BC) – On Monday, June 25 2007, Les Dames d'Escoffier British Columbia recognized the wealth of talent in the local culinary industry when they awarded several scholarships at their annual Induction and Scholarship Dinner. Three of the awards were provided by the Okanagan's premier winery, Mission Hill Family Estate. They were presented by the winery's Brand Manager, Karen Smith.

Selecting this year's recipients was a difficult task, as the caliber of candidates was exceptionally high. The selected applicants, Treve Ring, Amy Farnsworth, and Cassandra Anderton, have all shown extraordinary talent and commitment to the culinary arts.

Treve Ring is an extremely able writer poised to influence a large readership in the food and wine sphere in the Pacific Northwest. It is clear that she will use her studies to directly benefit the culinary industry in a substantial way, and is sure to distinguish herself throughout her career. Her award will be used for the Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Diploma program at the Art Institute of Vancouver/Dubrulle Culinary Arts. The WSET Diploma is recognized worldwide as the gold standard of qualification in the wine and spirits trades.

Amy Farnsworth is currently a highly-valued employee of Liberty Wine Merchants, and in the past has worked at both Village VQA and Glowbal Grill & Satay Bar. She is currently pursuing an Arts Diploma at Kwantlen College as well as attending Dubrulle's Advanced WSET Diploma course.

Cassandra Anderton was raised in the Okanagan Valley. She earned a position as the opening manager for a VQA wine store after completing her Level 1 and 2 sommelier training. Currently she is a contributing writer to numerous publications including Vancouver Magazine, EAT Magazine, and Food Vancouver. She is working toward completing the Advanced WSET Diploma.

Les Dames d'Escoffier is an association of professional women devoted to promoting the understanding, appreciation, and knowledge of food, wine, and hospitality. Each year they award scholarships which are intended to support the advancement of women in the hospitality and culinary fields, including food, wine, nutrition, food technology, and the arts of the table. Awards are based on merit and ability, and vary in amount according to the program they support.

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