

Celebrity Guests

Helen Mirren (Golden Globe, Emmy and Academy Award-winning actress, “The Queen”) congratulated Columbia Crest on its #1 wine acclaim, and mentioned that her husband is a big red wine drinker and that this bottle would be his new favorite.

Matthew Morrison (actor, “Glee” and “Hairspray” on Broadway) was immediately excited to see that he was receiving wine “Cool – vino!” he exclaimed; as a fan of wine, he congratulated Columbia Crest on its #1 wine acclaim.

Paula Abdul (Grammy Award-winning singer/choreographer, former judge on “American Idol”) congratulated Columbia Crest on its #1 wine acclaim.

Sean Hayes (actor, “Will & Grace,” “Promises, Promises” on Broadway, host of 64th Annual Tony Awards) was looking forward to opening his commemorative bottle of Columbia Crest wine after his hosting duties were over for the evening.

Green Day band members (Billie Joe Armstrong, Mike Dirnt, Tré Cool) are all big fans of red wine and offered their congrats on Columbia Crest’s #1 wine acclaim, recognizing “how cool” an award that is.

Antonio Banderas (actor, “The Mask of Zorro” and “Nine” on Broadway) spent a substantial amount of time at the Columbia Crest table discussing his love of wine (red in particular), and his own winery in Spain. Later he snuck backstage during the show to sample the wine, he was very impressed with the wine and described it as “velvety with nice acidity and good balance.”

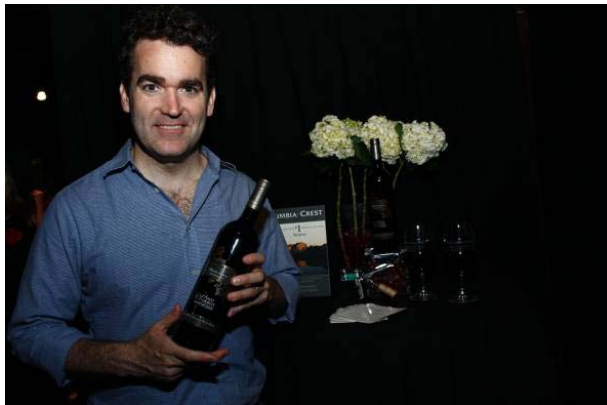
Anthony LaPaglia (Emmy Award-winning actor, “Without a Trace” and “Lend Me a Tenor” on Broadway) congratulated Columbia Crest on their #1 wine acclaim.



Bebe Neuwirth (Tony and Emmy Award winning actress, “Cheers” and “The Addams Family” on Broadway) likes all types of wine and is looking forward to her wine club membership; she offered her congrats on the #1 wine acclaim, her husband is a winemaker in Napa so she knows what an achievement the accolade is.



Bernadette Peters (Tony, Grammy and Golden Globe Award-winning actress/singer, “Annie” and “The Jerk”) congratulated Columbia Crest on its #1 wine acclaim.



Brian d’Arcy James (actor, “Shrek the Musical” and “Time Stands Still” both on Broadway) was familiar with the winery as his wife is from the Pacific Northwest, he offered his congrats on the #1 wine acclaim.



Chris Noth (actor, “Sex in the City” and “Law & Order”) asked to sample the wine (twice), which he said was “good stuff,” and inquired to have a case shipped to his NYC home. He also mentioned that this is the gift he is most looking forward to receiving.



Constantine (singer/actor, “American Idol” and “Hair” on Broadway) joked that he used to be a bartender and showed us how to “properly” open a wine bottle. His wine opening demo was captured on the Tony Awards Web site:

http://www.tonyawards.com/en_US/news/index.html#708733523

(go to 2:47 on the video)



David Hyde Pierce (Tony Award-winning actor, “Frasier” and “Spamalot” on Broadway) was familiar with the honor of being chosen as #1 wine by Wine Spectator, offered his congrats, and thought the commemorative bottle was really special.



Gregory Jbara (actor, “Billy Elliot the Musical” on Broadway) and his wife are big fans of Columbia Crest wine and are thrilled to receive a wine club membership.



Jan Maxwell (actress, “The Royal Family” on Broadway) said that she was familiar with the Washington wine region and looked forward to enjoying a glass of this award-winning wine and has already signed up for the wine club.



Justin Bartha (actor, “The Hangover” and “Lend Me a Tenor” on Broadway) said it was “way cool” to be receiving the commemorative bottle of wine and a wine club membership.



Karen Olivo (Tony Award-winning actress, “West Side Story” and “In the Heights” both on Broadway) was looking forward to enjoying a glass of wine following the night’s festivities.



Kristin Chenoweth (Tony and Emmy Award-winning actress, “Glee,” “Pushing Daises” and “Wicked” on Broadway) congratulated Columbia Crest on its recent #1 wine acclaim, and said that while she herself doesn’t drink wine, her parents have a glass every night and was excited to share this gift with them.



Laura Bell Bundy (actress and country music singer, “Legally Blonde – the Musical” on Broadway) is a fan of white wine and said she would definitely consider a visit to the winery in Washington, as she is planning multiple visits to the Seattle area.



Laura Benanti (Tony Award-winning actress, “Gypsy” and “In the Next Room [or The Vibrator Play]” both on Broadway) congratulated Columbia Crest on its #1 wine acclaim, and was grateful for the wonderful wine gift.



Mark Sanchez (quarterback for the New York Jets) thought it was really cool that Columbia Crest had won #1 wine in the world and was looking forward to sharing the wine with a “friend” (which included a wink and a smile alluding to who that “friend” was).



Patrick Breen (actor, “Next Fall” on Broadway) said that while he doesn’t drink wine, he has plenty of friends that will enjoy this wine gift.



Patrick Heusinger (actor, “Gossip Girl” and “Next Fall” on Broadway) was excited to sample the wine to relax his nerves before presenting on stage, but thought he might be too nervous and would spill on his tux; he was very gracious for the wine gift.



Rosemary Harris (Tony Award-winning actress, “Spiderman” series and “The Royal Family” on Broadway) said she was looking forward to sharing a glass with her husband, who wrote a book on wine and cheese.



Stanley Tucci (Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winning actor, “The Lovely Bones,” “Julie & Julia” and “The Devil Wears Prada”) was familiar with the Washington wine region and was impressed with commemorative bottle; he is looking forward to enjoying the wine with friends.



Tony Shalhoub (Golden Globe and Emmy Award-winning actor, “Monk” and “Lend Me a Tenor” on Broadway) enjoys red wine and congratulated Columbia Crest on its #1 wine acclaim.