

WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR

Bob Cabral

With about 35 different bottlings each vintage, up to and including the dramatic, ageworthy vineyard-designated Pinot Noirs, Williams Selyems's wines have excelled over the last few years. With Cabral, who's been at the helm since 1998, the wines have risen above a quality level that was already impressive.

Philippe Cambie

This former rugby player turned winemaking consultant has put together an All-Star list of 50-plus client wineries throughout southern France. He almost invariably raises quality to impressive heights, whether working with wines from Costières de Nîmes, Côtes du Rhône or Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Alvaro Espinoza

As Chile's most sought-after winemaking consultant, Espinoza's clients include Emiliana and Pérez Cruz in Chile and Cruz Andina in Argentina. A staunch proponent of organic and biodynamic viticulture, he runs his own wine labels, Antiyal and Kuyen, and is a founding partner in Geo Wines.

Gerhard Kracher

Producer of legendary sweet wines, Gerhard Kracher took over his family's winery, Weinlaubenhof Kracher in Burgenland, Austria, in 2007, following the tragic death of his father. The first releases under his regime have continued the range of superlative wines that set standards at the highest international level.

Zelma Long

A trailblazer for women and an icon of the industry, Long began her career as an enologist at Robert Mondavi Winery. Having served as winemaker (1979-88) and CEO (1989-96) of Simi Winery, she owns Long Vineyards in Napa Valley and Vilafonté in South Africa and has consulted at numerous estates across the world.