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BLEU PROVENCE'S CLÉMENT CARIOT WINS THE 2017 MIAMI RUINART CHALLENGE

The Ruinart Challenge with the Guild of Sommeliers is currently in its' sixth year. One hundred finalists from the United States compete in five regional blind tastings (Miami, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco, and Seattle) for their chance to win a four-day trip to Champagne, France and a \$1,000 SommFoundation cash scholarship sponsored by Ruinart.

The Challenge is an intense 40-minute, written, blind tasting of four wines from any region in the world. The Challenge asks basic blind tasting questions (country, vintage, variety, etc.) along with questions about pairing suggestions, serving temperature, and ageability.

On April 25, 2017, Bleu Provence's Clément Cariot, Certified Sommelier, won the Miami tasting and a trip of a lifetime. In July, Clément will travel to Champagne with the other Ruinart Challenge winners from across the world to experience exclusive tastings, instructive excursions, and masterclasses.

To celebrate, starting **Friday, May 19th through Sunday, May 21st**, Bleu Provence is hosting a '**Champagne Celebration**' by offering 50% off glasses of Oudinot Champagne, and 50% off all bottles of Champagne (up to \$400) on their Grand Award-winning wine list.

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About Ruinart and The Sommelier Challenge

Ruinart is the oldest established Champagne house, exclusively producing champagne since 1729. After almost thirty years since the first Ruinart Trophy, Ruinart is still committed to educate and support the sommelier community. The Ruinart Sommelier Challenge is a demanding blind tasting, an instructive and inspiring masterclass, and an informal and pleasant get together of some of the best sommeliers in the country.

About Guild of Sommeliers / SommFoundation

The Guild of Sommeliers was formed to assist the sommelier community to meet their educational goals. The Guild awards over \$100,000 annually in merit- and need-based financial scholarships to students of wine worldwide. Each year they send more than 50 sommeliers to all corners of the wine and beverage world on fully funded enrichment trips, resulting in once-in-a-lifetime educational experiences.