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Peter Sisseck Named as Winemakers' Winemaker in 2011

Peter Sisseck has been named as the first recipient of the Winemakers' Winemaker Award, presented by the Institute of Masters of Wine in conjunction with trade publication The Drinks Business.

The announcement was made at a reception during ProWein in Düsseldorf, Germany, where Lynne Sherriff MW, Chairman of the Institute, presented Sisseck with the award.

The award recognises outstanding achievement in the field of winemaking. Nominations were sought from winemakers across the globe, including Masters of Wine and other senior figures from the wine community.

The Danish-born and Bordeaux-trained oenologist established Dominio de Pingus in Spain's Ribera del Duero with its first vintage in 1995, achieving almost instant acclaim. Today, it is one of the world's iconic wines.

Speaking before an invited audience of more than 200 wine professionals at ProWein, Lynne Sherriff MW, who is herself a trained oenologist, said: "I am delighted to present Peter with the inaugural Winemakers' Winemaker Award. His achievements speak for themselves and he is very highly regarded by his peers across the world. As such, he is an extraordinarily worthy first recipient of this award and a great ambassador for winemaking."

On accepting the award, Peter Sisseck said: "I am honoured to be given this award. It is a very proud moment for me. We are all about making great wine and it is a great privilege to receive it."

The Institute and The Drinks Business intend to present the award annually during ProWein, one of the world's most significant wine trade events.

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Founded in 1955, **The Institute of Masters of Wine** is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting professional and educational excellence in the global wine trade. It has 288 members (Masters of Wine, normally abbreviated to MW after a member's name) based in 23 countries. They are active in all aspects of the wine industry and include winemakers, importers, buyers, retailers, consultants, journalists, educators, sommeliers and senior executives.

The Institute's education programme encourages a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding wine and communicating that knowledge at the highest level and prepares students for the annual Master of Wine Examination. More than 250 students from 28 countries are currently engaged in the Institute's education programme.

The Master of Wine Examination takes place concurrently in London, Napa and Sydney, over a four-day period, usually during the month of June. There are three practical papers, each with 12 wines. Candidates are required to blind taste and identify wines of varying quality levels and origins. In four theory papers, candidates need to demonstrate, through essays, knowledge of a wide range of subjects including winemaking, grape growing, business and social issues. Students must also write a 10,000-word dissertation on a subject of their choice. Only after passing all parts of the examination can someone be admitted to the membership of the Institute and use the title Master of Wine, or its abbreviated form MW.

In addition to its education and examination programmes, the Institute organises annual events which are open to its members, students and the wider wine trade. These events offer outstanding professional development opportunities and include tastings, seminars, debates, visits to wine producing regions and master classes with the world's leading wine producers.

More information about the Institute and its activities, including biographies of Masters of Wine, can be found at the Institute's www.mastersofwine.org website.