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# CHARLES SMITH WINES

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***Wine Enthusiast* Names Washington State's  
Charles Smith 2014 Winemaker of the Year**  
*The Leading Magazine in Global Wine Lifestyle Announces  
Winners of the 2014 Wine Star Awards*

**(November 11, 2014) Walla Walla, WA** – Charles Smith, owner and winemaker of K Vintners, Charles Smith Wines, ViNO, Secco Italian Bubbles, SIXTO, Wines of Substance and one-half of Charles & Charles, has received the coveted 2014 Wine Star Award for “Winemaker of the Year” from *Wine Enthusiast*, joining past winners including legendary winemakers Michel Rolland, Alvaro Palacios, and Olivier Humbrecht. Charles Smith is the first to receive this award, not only in Washington State, but in the Pacific Northwest. *Wine Enthusiast's* Wine Star Awards honor the most powerful and innovative names in the global wine and spirits industry; honorees will be presented their Wine Star Award trophies at a gala black-tie dinner in New York City on January 26, 2015.

“When you begin your life as a young person, you never expect to end up here in this place. It is amazing to receive this award, almost as if it's a dream,” said Smith.

Charles Smith Wines is the largest winemaker and independently owned winery in Washington State. This is Charles' third nomination for Wine Star's “Winemaker” category, and his first win. He has also earned global acclaim being named “Winemaker of the Year” by *Food & Wine* in 2009, and by *Seattle* magazine in 2010. Currently, Charles Smith is the only person to have won “Winemaker of the Year” by both *Food & Wine* and *Wine Enthusiast*. Charles Smith has received a total of 66 scores of 95 points and above, and over 300 scores of 90 points above, from the leading wine publications including *Wine Enthusiast*, *Wine Advocate*, *Wine Spectator*, etc. Charles Smith Wines are sold in all fifty states and eighteen countries worldwide.

This Spring, Charles Smith will open a new 32,000 square foot winery, designed by renowned architecture firm Olsen Kundig, in Georgetown (Seattle's oldest neighborhood, just south of downtown). The urban winery will feature a two-level tasting room and event space. The original K Vintners farmhouse in Walla Walla will remain as a library and tasting room.

For more information on Charles Smith or his labels, please visit [www.charlessmithwines.com](http://www.charlessmithwines.com), or call 509-526-5230.

Georgetown Teaser Video: <http://vimeo.com/106428741>

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