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**Free Flow Wines Announces the Winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual KEGGY Awards Recognizing Exceptional and Sustainable Wine on Tap Programs Nationwide**

*Wineries, distributors and restaurant operators are recognized for collectively saving more than 8.9 Million bottles from landfills to date.*

**Napa, CA, October 21, 2016** – Free Flow Wines, the pioneers of premium wine on tap, announced the winners of their third annual KEGGY Awards recognizing the sustainable achievements of their winery, distributor, equipment and restaurant partners nationwide. To date, Free Flow Wines partners have contributed to saving more than 8.9 million bottles, corks and foils from the landfill or over 13 million pounds of trash, through the use of reusable stainless steel kegs. This year's awards ceremony was held at Jamieson Ranch Vineyards in Napa with a keynote address on 'Quality, Innovation & Sustainability in Beverage Programs' presented by MS and former Director of Wine for Darden Restaurant Group, George Miliotes.

*"The sustainable benefits of wine on tap are undeniable."* said Jordan Kivelstadt, Co-Founder and CEO of Free Flow Wines. *"We'd like to congratulate all the winners and thank our partners for helping us provide a better way to enjoy wines by the glass and save our world – one keg at a time."*

**The 2016 KEGGY Award Winners Include:**

***Winery Award Recipients***

Saved more than 1 million bottles from the landfill:

- Constellation Brands, Inc.

Saved more than 100,000 bottles from the landfill:

- Banshee Wines
- Don Sebastiani & Sons
- Martin Ray Winery & Angeline Winery
- Pacific Rim & Company and Banfi Vintners
- Tierra Divina Vineyards
- Vinum Cellars

***Distributor Award Recipients***

Saved more than 1 million bottles from the landfill:

- Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of California

Saved more than 500,000 bottles from the landfill:

- Young's Market Company of California

Saved more than 100,000 bottles from the landfill:

- Regal Wine Company of California
- Republic National Distributing Company of Colorado
- Republic National Distributing Company of Florida
- Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Arizona
- Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Florida
- Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of New York
- Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of Texas
- Young's Market Company of Arizona
- Young's Market Company of Oregon

### ***Ambassador Award Recipients***

- Randy Dewitt of the Front Burner Restaurant Group in Dallas, Texas won the Restaurant Ambassador Award for his inclusion of exceptional wine on tap programs at restaurants including The Ranch at Las Colinas, Whiskey Cake Kitchen and Bar, Twin Peaks and the newly opened Sixty Vines in Plano, Texas which features 40 wines on tap.
- Jason Moen of Innovative Dispense Solutions in Los Angeles, California received the Equipment Ambassador Award for his innovative dispense design and integration of wine on tap into mobile dispense units nationwide.

### ***"People's Choice" Award Recipients***

- Highball & Harvest at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes was chosen by the public, as this year's most exceptional wine on tap program. Their "cask wine" program features 16 wines on tap.

Each Free Flow keg holds the equivalent of 26 wine bottles and each keg that goes into distribution will save 2,340 pounds of trash from the landfill over its lifetime. Free Flow currently has more than 126,000 stainless steel kegs in their fleet.

Free Flow Wines created the KEGGY Awards in 2014 to recognize their winery partners for their commitment to sustainability by choosing reusable stainless steel kegs. Since then, the awards have been expanded to include distributors, restaurants and other ambassadors throughout the US who have helped to reduce the carbon footprint of wines served by the glass.

### **About Free Flow Wines**

Free Flow Wines is the pioneer of premium wine on tap, delivering the world's leading wine brands to the taps of restaurants and venues nationwide. Free Flow's keg leasing, filling and logistics services have allowed the wine and hospitality industries to move to a more sustainable way of serving the freshest, best tasting glass of wine - on tap. Founded in 2009, Free Flow has more than 250 wine brands in keg, from wineries throughout the US, New Zealand, South America and Europe. Their customers' wines are offered at a variety of restaurants, premium hotels, sports and entertainment venues across the US. Free Flow Wines is located in Napa, California, and you can find them online at [FreeFlowWines.com](http://FreeFlowWines.com), on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Flickr @FreeFlowWine.