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Leeuwin Estate, Giant Steps and d'Arenberg rank in the top 1% of wines tasted by Wine & Spirits Magazine's tasting panel with their inclusion in the magazine's list of 100 Wineries of the Year, 100 Best Wines of the Year, and 100 Best Buys of the Year, announced in the 14th Annual Buying Guide on September 21.

Old Bridge Cellars, recognized US sales, marketing and import specialist, announces that three wineries from their portfolio of artisanal, family-owned wine brands have been named among Wine & Spirits Magazine's 100 Wineries of the Year for 2014. The historic d'Arenberg, from South Australia's McLaren Vale region, iconic Margaret River producer Leeuwin Estate and cool-climate Pinot Noir and Chardonnay specialist, Giant Steps, from Victoria's Yarra Valley, were three of only five Australian wineries to be selected for this prestigious honor.

Each year, the Wine & Spirits panel tastes more than 12,500 wines, naming those brands with the most consistent performance and highest scores among their 100 Wineries of the Year. Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Editor and Publisher, noted these producers' range of exceptional wines make them great ambassadors for their respective regions. Fewer than 1% of the wines tasted are named among the 100 Best Wines or 100 Best Buys, with Greene commenting on their ability to '...tell a story as well as for overarching quality.'

d'Arenberg general manager Phil Jeffries and Giant Steps winemaker Phil Sexton will be present at the Wine & Spirits' Top 100 event in San Francisco on October 21 at the Metreon in San Francisco. The event, celebrating its 11th anniversary, showcases the 2 top wines from each of the 100 Wineries of the Year, alongside offerings from San Franciscan fine food purveyors.