



Hotel **ICON**

Hotel ICON Showcases Napa Valley's Premium Wines

US Winemaker Partners with Premier Hotel as Part of the Food & Wine Academy

(Hong Kong, 17 January 2012) –In part of the premier hotel's Food & Wine Academy, **Hotel ICON** invited John Kimmey, the Asia Manager for Stag Leap Wine Cellars, to interact with the staff and students and share wine pairing tips with connoisseurs on Thursday, January 12th.

The event kicks off in the afternoon with an interactive sharing session between Kimmey and the staff and students at Hotel ICON.

Later in the evening Hotel ICON welcomed over **30** gourmands and industry experts to an exclusive evening of food and wine tasting at the hotel's Michelin-honoured Above & Beyond restaurant, attendees paired a number of Napa wines explored the cross-cultural pairing of Napa Valley wines and Cantonese cuisine.

In collaboration with US-based Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, diners sampled a selection of wines paired with Above & Beyond's signature dishes, including Wok-fried Beef Cubes with Goose Liver and Fresh Basil. Kimmey introduced guests to a number of award-winning wines from California's Napa Valley, including Hands of Time 2009, and S.L.V Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2005.

"Stag's Leap is one of America's premier winemakers," notes Richard Hatter, General Manager of Hotel ICON. "With Above & Beyond restaurant now earning recognition in the Michelin Guide, this collaboration between Hotel ICON and Stag's Leap represents an ideal pairing."

The Food & Wine Academy of Hotel ICON will continue to offer a series of learning and delicious dining experiences in the coming year. Up next will be the visit of Master Chef Master Chef Jean-François Arnaud, M.O.F. Pâtisserie 2000 in March.

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About Hotel ICON

Unlike any other, Hotel ICON is an upscale Hong Kong hotel in the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui East. Standing as a testament to Hong Kong's creative energy and vibrant arts scene, Hotel ICON showcases work from the city's celebrated designers and the world's most acclaimed architects. Offering the ultimate in comfort and committed to service excellence, Hotel ICON's 262 stylish guestrooms comprise seductive extras, including complimentary wired and Wi-Fi internet connections and an ultra-slim 40" Ultra High Definition LED TV. Located on level 9, Hotel ICON's Angsana Spa is a tranquil oasis while the harbor-facing outdoor swimming pool and fitness centre allow guests to exercise while enjoying views of Hong Kong Island's spectacular skyline. With a maximum capacity of 580 persons, Hotel ICON's grand Silverbox ballroom is the ideal venue for a celebration or theatre-style conference. Hotel ICON houses three restaurants: Above & Beyond, The Market and GREEN, providing guests with exceptional quality of the food and impeccable service. wallpaper* magazine included Hotel ICON in its 2011 list of the world's Best Business Hotels.

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