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#### **Eric Solomon Named Semifinalist for James Beard Foundation Awards**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (March 2009) – Wine importer Eric Solomon of Eric Solomon Selections/European Cellars has been named as a semifinalist in the James Beard Foundation Awards. Solomon is one of 20 nominees from across the country in the Outstanding Wine and Spirits Professional category. The category recognizes a winemaker, brewer or spirits professional that has made a significant national impact on the wine and spirits industry.

The Beard Awards recognize talent from across 10 different regions of the United States and have been called “the Oscars of the culinary world” by the New York Times.

The Beard Foundation received more than 15,000 nomination entries in all categories this year. Finalists for each category will be announced March 23, and winners will be announced May 4 at the annual James Beard Foundation gala event at Lincoln Center in New York City. For more information on the James Beard Foundation, please to online to [www.jamesbeard.org](http://www.jamesbeard.org).

*Eric Solomon Selections/European Cellars imports wines from properties in France and Spain. As an importer, Eric is a champion of indigenous varieties and lesser known appellations with a knack for uncovering seriously delicious wines. Heralded by critics, including recognition as one of Robert Parker’s Wine Personalities of the Year, Food & Wine Magazine’s Best Importer, and Person of the Year at the 2008 Hospices du Rhone, Eric continues to seek out “the next big thing” and uncover the many treasures that lay hidden in the European landscape.*

For more information about Eric Solomon and European Cellars, go online to [www.europeancellars.com](http://www.europeancellars.com)

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