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Outlet/ Employer	Name	Title	Social Media	Description
The Bristol	 Charles Ford	Sommelier/Brand Ambassador	@CharlesTheBrstL 294 Twitter Followers 712 Instagram Followers	He began his career as a line cook at Jackie Shen's Red Light Restaurant. In October 2011, after over a year at Everest, Charles followed Dave to The Bristol, where he joined the team as Assistant Manager. While continuing to find his niche in the hospitality industry, Charles became a Certified Sommelier with Court of Master Sommeliers. He is currently the Assistant General Manager and Wine Director, fulfilling his passion for creating memorable experiences for guests through both great service and exceptional wine.
Wine-all The Time	 Marissa A. Ross	Tastemaker and Wine Reporter	@Marissaaross 18.1K Instagram Followers 12.9K Twitter Followers	Marissa is a leisure enthusiast, writer and wine drinker. In 2015, Marissa won both Editor's Choice and Reader's Choice awards at Saveur Magazine's Blog Awards, and was also named one of Wine Enthusiast's 40 Under 40. She is a contributor for VICE Munchies and the author of UNWINED (Plume, 2017). She recently started contributing to Bon Appetit print and online editions through summer 2016.
Southern Wine & Spirits	 Dana Gaiser	Wine Import and Budding Sommelier	@richeboured 710 Instagram Followers 681 Twitter Followers	A 14-year veteran of the wine industry, Dana has served as a Sommelier and Beverage Director at top restaurants such as Veritas, Estiatorio Milos and others in New York, Nantucket and California. He is currently Key Accounts Director for Lauber Imports, the fine wine division of the largest wine and






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				spirits distributor in the U.S.
Vine Pair	 Emily Bell	Writer	@VinePair 6,269 Twitter Followers 37,598 Facebook Followers 6,644 Instagram Followers	Emily has been writing about food, drink, and the culture and politics thereof for several years now - despite all of which, she is still weirdly hungry and thirsty.
Eddie V's Restaurants	 Brian Phillips	Advanced Sommelier	@GroundUp_Ltd 282 Twitter Followers	Brian is an Operating Partner for Eddie V's Prime Seafood, an Advanced Sommelier, a Certified Wine Educator and a Certified Food & Beverage Executive
FWx Food & Wine	 Ethan Fixell	Writer	@EthanFixell 20.5K Twitter Followers 152 Facebook Followers 1,859 Instagram Followers	Ethan is a a Certified Cicerone® and frequently writes about beer and spirits for Food & Wine's FWx, Tasting Table, Food Republic, and Quartz. Additionally, he has contributed to Food & Wine, Vanity Fair, Travel + Leisure, Playboy, Saveur, DuJour, and Draft Magazine, and previously wrote a weekly column for Serious Eats called "On the Beer Trail."



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Bar Boulud	 Jennifer Foucher	Sommelier / Sommelier Challenge International Judge	@JenFouch 536 Twitter Followers 321 Instagram Followers	Jennifer is a certified sommelier at Bar Boulud (formerly the wine director at Del Posto) and Sommelier Challenge International Judge. She will be participating in the 2016 Rieslingfeier this month.
Fred Dexheimer	 Fred Dexheimer	Master Sommelier/Wine Consultant	@FredDexMS 7,149 Twitter Followers 1,112 Instagram Followers	Fred Dex is one of only 210 Master Sommeliers in the world and the only one holding that honor in the Carolinas. Fred's career as a wine and beverage professional spans nearly two decades and has touched upon nearly every aspect of the business.
Drink Me	 David Furer	Wine Consultant	@drinkmemag 35K Twitter Followers 17K Facebook Followers	Since 1986 David has performed many roles in the alcohol beverage industry—lecturer and teacher to both pros and consumers, consultant to numerous wine regions and countries, event organizer and host, retail buyer, sommelier and restaurant manager, and wine/spirits/beer writer/author/judge. In addition to holding an Advanced level certification from the Court of Master Sommeliers and attaining Certified Wine Educator from the Society of Wine Educators, he's worked at five German wineries. His lecturing skills have been appreciated at the University of Chicago and, while residing in



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				England, at Oxford and Cambridge universities
Wine on the Road	 <p>Ben Weinberg</p>	Writer/Wine Consultant	<p>@WineOnTheRoad 1,265 Twitter Followers 51 Facebook Followers</p>	<p>Ben is a member of the American Society of Journalists and Authors and travels extensively in Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Argentina, Chile, Washington, Idaho and Colorado. He regularly attends wine- and writing-focused events such as the Symposium for Professional Wine Writers at Meadowood Napa Valley. He has been the Rocky Mountain Editor for The Tasting Panel Magazine and has written for The World of Fine Wine, Wine Enthusiast, Wines & Vines, Wine Country International, Nation's Restaurant News, Worth Magazine, Where Magazine, Denver Magazine, and The Colorado Statesman. Ben also authors the Wine Roads travel ebook series in conjunction with Board and Bench (formerly the Wine Appreciation Guild).</p>
Conde Nast Traveler	 <p>Krisanne Fordham</p>	Freelance Travel + Wine Writer	<p>@ krisannefordham 2,153 Instagram Followers 1,370 Twitter Followers</p>	<p>Krisanne is a travel, culture and wine writer for Condé Nast Traveler, CNN Travel, Departures, and Travel + Leisure. Previously, she was a staff editor at Condé Nast Traveler and The AOL-Huffington Post Media Group. Krisanne grew up in Sydney, Australia and splits her time between Brooklyn, New York and Umbria, Italy.</p>



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