Andr□ Simon shortlist announced

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At long last there has been a decent crop of wine books this year - so much so that the judges and trustees of the André Simon Awards have managed to shortlist five of them, as below. Needless to say, we are thrilled to see our book *Wine Grapes* there.

It would be easy to suspect foul play here since my husband Nick Lander is a trustee of the Awards, but I am assured that he was banished throughout the discussions of the books about drink and it was left to the other trustees, who include Masters of Wine Sarah Jane Evans and David Gleave (who has replaced the late John Avery) and 2012 drinks book advisor Harry Eyres.

The winners will be chosen on 14 March and announced that evening in London. Many congratulations to all those chosen, and commiserations to the authors and publishers of the many excellent wine books published this year that are not on this list.

Our illustration shows the certificate won by our Spanish specialist Luis Gutiérrez for the book he co-wrote on Rioja.

Drink

Brunello di Montalcino by Kerin O'Keefe published by University of California Press

How to Love Wine by Eric Asimov published by William Morrow

Pomerol by Neal Martin published by Wine-Journal Publishing

Sherry, Manzanilla & Montilla by Peter Liem & Jesús Barquín published by Manutius

Wine Grapes by Jancis Robinson, Julia Harding, Dr José Vouillamoz published by Penguin Books

Food

Annie Bell's Baking Bible by Annie Bell published by Kyle Books

Edible Selby by Todd Selby published by Abrams

Following Fish by Samanth Subramanian published by Atlantic books

Hoosh by Jason C Anthony published by University of Nebraska Press

Jerusalem by Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi published by Ebury Books

Polpo by Russell Norman published by Bloomsbury Books

Sud de France by Caroline Conran published by Prospect Books

The Food of Morocco by Paula Wolfert published by Bloomsbury Books