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### Wine Notes at Hotel Milo

#### **Hotel Milo Santa Barbara Brings in Expert Sommeliers from Les Marchands to Host Bi-Weekly Wine Nights with Tastings, Information and Hand-Selected Bottles Available for Purchase**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – (May 5, 2014)** – Raise a glass to learning about wine from some of the best, in a paradise setting by the beach. [The beachfront](#) Hotel Milo Santa Barbara, formerly Hotel Oceana, announced today that the Independent Collection (IC) hotel will be teaming up with Californian elite sommeliers from Les Marchands for Wine Notes at Milo, a delightful series of bi-weekly wine nights. Les Marchands co-founders are Master Sommelier Brian McClintic and *Food & Wine* magazine’s 2014 Sommelier of the Year Eric Railsback. The pair will lead the wine-filled series, which will focus on bringing sumptuous tastes from local wineries to treat, inform and indulge Milo guests.

“Tasting local wines is a quintessential part of visiting Santa Barbara. Spending time learning, tasting and unwinding with the wine-celebrities from Les Marchands is a real treat and a unique experience,” Hotel Milo General Manager Shelley Stearns said. “We are excited to host such a fun and enriching event for the community [at our beachfront hotel.](#)”

Wine Notes at Hotel Milo is an ongoing bi-weekly event where Les Marchands will feature a different local winery every other week against the backdrop of the ocean on Hotel Milo’s patio. They will host, pour, educate and sell bottles of the hand-selected wines each week. In the true spirit of IC hotels, this collaboration brings local offerings to guests and highlights what makes each hotel in the collection unique.

Wine Notes at Hotel Milo will occur every other Friday from 5 – 7 p.m., starting May 16, on the patio at Hotel Milo Santa Barbara. The event is complimentary, for more information visit [www.hotelmilosantabarbara.com](http://www.hotelmilosantabarbara.com).

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**About Independent Collection:** The Independent Collection is a growing collection of cultivated and intimate lifestyle hotels located in unique residential neighborhoods of gateway cities across the US. Founded in New York in Tribeca and then Brooklyn, it has grown to Boston’s West End, Midtown Village in Philadelphia, Washington’s Capitol Hill and Georgetown, and Miami’s South Beach across the last five years. This distinctive hotel concept is renowned

for its authentic connection to the local communities, personalized service and residential comforts. Independent Collection hotels are created for the independently minded traveler and invite guests to experience the true spirit of the city. Learn more by visiting [www.independentcollection.com](http://www.independentcollection.com)

**About Les Marchands:** Les Marchands is a labor of love between Eric Railsback and Master Sommelier Brian McClintic, whose wine trips to Paris and Burgundy have inspired a fresh and dynamic vision for retail, dining, and education. Whether picking out a bottle from our shop or stopping off at the tasting bar for some share plates and a glass, Les Marchands sets out to prove that a world-class food and wine experience can exist in a relaxing atmosphere, free of intimidation. [www.lesmarchandswine.com](http://www.lesmarchandswine.com)

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