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**CHAMPAGNE WISHES! BUBBLE-LICIOUS POPS OPEN 43rd ANNUAL UNLVINO
AT THE VENETIAN ON THURSDAY March 30**

*Champagne, sparkling wine, award-winning cuisine and entertainment converge
to celebrate honoree Jon Taffer*

#UNLVino honors @jonTaffer w @DomPerignonOfficial Award of Excellence at #BubbleLicious on 3/30
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LAS VEGAS –UNLVino 2017 pops open with [Bubble-Licious](#) on Thurs., March 30, at **The Venetian® Las Vegas**. The evening will honor **Jon Taffer**, host and executive producer of “Bar Rescue” on Spike TV and highlight cuisine from award-winning restaurants at The Venetian® and The Palazzo® and live entertainment. During the event, representatives from Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits and UNLV will commemorate the pomp and prestige of UNLVino’s fabled history with a high-flying 21-cork salute using the world’s most famous champagne, Dom Pérignon.

Bubble-Licious will recognize Taffer with the **Dom Pérignon Award of Excellence**. This prestigious honor is given to those who have distinguished themselves and set an example through their inspirational leadership, character and work ethic in the hospitality industry. Taffer is also a best-selling author, coveted keynote speaker and Chairman of Taffer Dynamics, a world-renowned hospitality consulting and business services firm. An exclusive meet and greet reception with Taffer and UNLV alumni will take place at The Palazzo’s Laguna Champagne Bar just prior to Bubble-Licious.

Throughout the evening, guests will enjoy selections from The Venetian and Palazzo’s celebrated restaurants. Participating venues at this time include: **B&B Ristorante, Bouchon, CUT, Hong Kong Café, Lagasse's Stadium, Lucianos, OTTO Enoteca e Pizzeria Sushi Samba and Table 10.**

Guests will be treated to an impressive array of champagne, sparkling wines and spirits, including brands: **Francis Ford Coppola Winery, Freixenet USA, González Byass USA, Hug Cellars, Mionetto, Moët Hennessey USA, Nestle Waters, Palm Bay International, Pernod Ricard, Prestige Wine Imports, Sovereign Brands, Stella Rosa; Terlato Wines, The Wine Group, Toast Spirits and Wilson Creek Winery & Vineyards.**

Francesco LaFranconi, Executive Director of Mixology and Spirits Educator at Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits, will be onsite crafting sparkling cocktails highlighting a featured champagne at the event.

Bubble-Licious will take place on Thursday, March 30 between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Due to anticipated high winds, the event has been moved indoors to The Venetian’s Veronese Ballroom. Tickets for the event are available for \$100 in advance and \$125 at the door.

In addition to Bubble-Licious, UNLVino 2017 includes two additional signature events, including Sake Fever on Friday, March 31 at Red Rock Casino Resort & Spa and the Grand Tasting on Saturday, April 1 at Paris Las Vegas. Tickets are available for all events at UNLVtickets.com.

Visit UNLVino.com and follow Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for the most updated event information and to receive information about special offers.

About UNLVino:

UNLVino was cofounded in 1974 by the William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration and Southern Wine & Spirits of Nevada, now operating as Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits. Over the past four decades, UNLVino has raised millions of dollars for scholarships and other academic developmental needs of UNLV students. UNLVino is differentiated through unparalleled, accredited hands-on student experiences at all levels of event planning, execution and promotion, as well as the impactful funds raised each year – all testaments to the celebratory weekend's broader purpose – Take a sip for scholarship.

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