

# Christopher M.

## CELEBRATES LEGENDARY WINEMAKERS

### In a New Series of Original Paintings

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Contemporary Artist Christopher M. has steadily gained admirers as “The Painter of Chefs” with his expressive, celebratory paintings that go beyond literal depiction to honor the most prolific chefs of our time. Featured as the “Celebrity Artist” at the San Diego Bay

Wine & Food Festival this November, Christopher M. is sought after among fine art and culinary circles for his unique ability to capture the intensity, dedication, creativity and talent that is executed daily behind-the-scenes in a fine food kitchen.

His knack for investigating and exposing the unique character traits that separate a “well-trained Cook” from a “Master Chef” is perhaps his greatest talent, and Christopher M. finds joy in uncovering the secrets that make a Chef a true craftsman, a creative visionary and ultimately, an artist.

Christopher M.’s travels have allowed him the opportunity to explore his passion of documenting today’s best chefs by sketching and then painting them historically on canvas. He has worked with a broad range of chefs nationwide, from Chef Gavin Kaysen of Café Boulud in New York City to Chef Ludo Lefebvre of LudoBites in Los Angeles, to several of Bravo TV’s “Top Chef” finalists. The artist also has great affinity for San Diego’s culinary scene and has painted local favorites including Chef Christian Graves of Jsix and Chef Paul McCabe of Kitchen 1540, among many others.

Earlier this year, Christopher M. took his sketchbook and camera on the road—venturing beyond the shiny copper pots and stainless steel countertops of profession-

al kitchens which he had become so accustomed to—and into the rugged and enchanting vineyards of California’s beloved wine country. Setting out to meet some of Napa Valley’s legendary winemakers and document their stories on canvas, Christopher also discovered an immense appreciation for the artistry involved in the winemaking process itself.

The wine country tour encompassed a variety of intriguing locales: a backyard vegetable garden which formerly supplied organic produce to Napa’s landmark French Laundry; an antique store—turned-tasting room; a historic estate and vineyards owned by one of California’s most influential families; the windy roads and rocky hills of Mt. Veeder; a secret wine cave and private cellar; and a dozen other gems along the way. In fact, a quick stop at Bouchon Bakery in Yountville one morning led to a serendipitous meeting with legendary Chef Thomas Keller!

Winemakers featured in Christopher M.’s new series include: Doug Hill and Alison Doran of Hill Family Estate, Jeff Fontanella of Fontanella Family Winery, Pam Starr of Crocker & Starr Wines, Heidi Barrett of La Sirena, Chris Dearden of Chanticleer and Randle Johnson of Calafia Cellars. This special wine series will also include paintings featuring chefs, patrons and sommeliers enjoying wine in various settings.

Just as food and wine go hand in hand when enjoying a fine dining experience—Christopher M. has created a brilliant pairing of the two with the addition of these new paintings, to create an unforgettable fine art experience.

We look forward to sharing these new original works with you this fall at a variety of special events and appearances featuring the artist. Take a look at what’s coming up this season!

## The Gourmet Experience

When:

October 9–10, 2010

Where:

Del Mar Fairgrounds  
Booth #127

Stop by for a painting demonstration  
and unveiling of new works.

[www.thegourmetexpo.com](http://www.thegourmetexpo.com)



## The San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival

When:

November 17–21, 2010

Where:

Embarcadero Marina Park North  
500 Kettner Blvd.  
San Diego, CA 92101

*Christopher M. will be featured at  
this event as the Celebrity Artist!*

[www.worldofwineevents.com](http://www.worldofwineevents.com)



## Sommelier and Artist Reception

When:

November 18, 2010

Where:

EC Gallery, Seaport Village

*Eddie Osterland, America's first  
Master Sommelier, joins Christopher  
M. for wine tasting and a painting  
demonstration.*

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