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**JEREMY SHANKER TAKES 3<sup>RD</sup> AT THE IN 2018 CHAÎNE DES RÔTISSEURS  
BEST YOUNG SOMMELIERS COMPETITION**

**Madison, New Jersey (September 28, 2018)** – Finalist Jeremy Shanker, representing the United States showcased his talent and earned 3rd place in the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs’ Young Sommeliers Competition. This competition is hosted annually by the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs, the world’s oldest and largest food and wine society. This annual International contest tests competitors on blind tasting ability, tableside wine service skills, and many areas of wine knowledge.

In May, Shanker of Michael Mina in San Francisco, competing among 10 other talented US contestants, grabbed top honors as the best Young Sommelier in the United States in the national Young Sommeliers Competition held in Paso Robles, CA.

Harold S. Small, Bailli Délégué des Etats-Unis d’Amerique (U.S. National President) notes that each year these young sommeliers bring fresh perspective and talent to the competitions and congratulated Shanker on his significant victory for the United States. He also commented that 11 of the new Master Sommeliers announced only two weeks ago are alumni of Chaîne Young Sommeliers Competitions in the United States.

**About the Chaîne des Rôtisseurs**

The Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs is the world’s oldest, largest and most prestigious food and wine society with more than 25,000 members worldwide. There are about 130 chapters and more than 6,000 members throughout the United States. Important programs include annual Young Sommeliers and Young Chefs competitions held both nationally and internationally. Founded in Paris in 1950, the Chaîne's roots reach back to 1248 in France. It is dedicated to honoring the skills and practices of the masters of the culinary arts and those individuals who craft our libations. For additional information: [www.chaineus.org](http://www.chaineus.org).

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