

## **French-American Business Awards 6<sup>th</sup> edition: nominees announced**



The French-American Business Awards (FABA) honors the best French and American companies, entrepreneurs and executives based in the San Francisco Bay Area for their annual results and lasting performance in management and leadership.

The French-American Chamber of Commerce, organizer of the FABA every year, is honored to announce the list of 2019 nominees. For this 6<sup>th</sup> edition **5 new categories are introduced:**

- **French Spirit Investor**
- **Special Leadership**
- **Trends 2019: Leaders in AI**
- **Young Tech Entrepreneurs**
- **Recent French investments in the Bay Area**

A jury of over 100 experts will be voting to elect the laureates among the 40 competing companies and personalities in 10 categories of awards. These laureates will be revealed during a dinner celebration gathering the nominees, partners and members of the French-American Chamber of Commerce on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Hotel Nikko.

The FACCSF is thrilled to welcome **Ron Conway** as a **special guest** of the Category “French Spirit Investor”. Ron will come on stage for an exceptional fireside chat, to discuss about the US investments in France.

**Stephane Kasriel**, CEO of Upwork will receive on stage the “Special Leadership award” and will talk about his career until the recent & successful IPO of Upwork.

The Award Ceremony and gala dinner for this 6th edition of the French-American Business Awards will be held on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hotel Nikko, 222 Mason St, San Francisco, CA 94102. **For more information and registration:** [www.thefaba.com](http://www.thefaba.com)

**The 10 categories: French-American Business Awards 6<sup>th</sup> edition:**



<p><b>Special guest in the French Spirit Investor Category</b></p> <p>- <a href="#">Ron Conway</a>, Founder &amp; Co-managing partner at SV Angel</p>	<p><b>Nominees in Young Tech entrepreneur Category:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Sebastien Boyer</a>, CEO &amp; <a href="#">Thomas Palomares</a>, CTO at <a href="#">FarmWise</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Paul Cothenet</a>, CTO, <a href="#">Sam Levan</a>, CRO &amp; <a href="#">Francis Brero</a>, CEO at <a href="#">Madkudu</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Matthieu Lhoumeau</a>, CEO &amp; <a href="#">Florian Parain</a>, CTO at <a href="#">Concord</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Daniel Yanisse</a>, CEO &amp; <a href="#">Jonathan Perichon</a>, CTO at <a href="#">Checkr</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Laureate for the Special Leadership Award:</b></p> <p>- <a href="#">Stephane Kasriel</a></p>	
<p><b>Nominees in Recent French investments in the Bay Area Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Armstrong by Daher</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Decathlon</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Faurecia</a></li> </ul>	<p><b>Nominees in the Trends of 2019: Leader in AI innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Benjamin Levy</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Fabien Becker</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Gregory Renard</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Luc Julia</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Nominees in the Wine country personality of the year Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Benoît Touquette</a>, Winemaker at Hartewell Vineyards</li> <li>- <a href="#">Eric Hervé</a>, R&amp;D Scientist at ETS Laboratories</li> <li>- <a href="#">François Vignaud</a>, Partner at Harlan Estate</li> <li>- <a href="#">Nicolas Quillé</a>, Chief winemaking and operations officer at Crimson Wine Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nominees in the Wine country company of the year Category:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Planet Wine</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Saverglass</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">CITF</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Boisset Collection</a></li> </ul>

<p>-<a href="#">Pauline Lhote</a>, Director of Winemaking chez Domaine Chandon          -<a href="#">Tiffany Eicholz</a>, Marketing &amp; US Business Development Manager chez Tonnellerie Berger</p>	
<p><b>Nominees in the Startup of the Year Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Aitivity</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Atlas Wine Co. LAB</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">BunnyMoney</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Crossing Minds</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Einstein Studios</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Froglabs</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">La Cave</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Les Parisiennes in SF</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Froglabs</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Little Dragon Toys</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Palate Club</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Snipfeed</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">UPMEM</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Urban Radar</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">We Digital Garden</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Widr</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Wild AI</a></li> </ul>

To learn more about our nominees, visit [thefaba.com](http://thefaba.com)

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6:00 pm 11:30 pm  
Registration on  
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