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CHEF VINCENT HONORED BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT

PHOENIX, AZ, Mar 1, 2018 --- Chef Vincent Guerithault of Vincent on Camelback was bestowed recently with one of France's most prestigious awards—Officer in the Order of Agricultural Merit (Officier dans l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole).

Vincent received the award in a private ceremony in Phoenix, hosted by the Consul General of France, the Honorable Christophe Lemoine, who is based in Los Angeles.

A native of France, Vincent is the only chef in Arizona and one of a select few in the US to receive this recognition. He earned the first rank of Chevalier of the Mérite Agricole in 1995 and now has been elevated to the middle rank of Officier. There is only one higher rank in the Order—Commandeur—which, as a ministerial order, is second in importance only to France's national orders, which includes the Legion of Honour.

L'Ordre du Mérite Agricole was established in 1883 to reward persons who had contributed to the industry of agriculture because it had a direct and powerful impact on France's social and economic well-being. The order now extends to the world of gastronomy and recognizes persons who have made an impact in the culinary arts on behalf of the Republic of France.

For more than 32 years, Vincent has been combining his expertise in classic French cooking with Southwestern ingredients to create a unique blend of flavors that has become his signature. He was the first chef in Arizona to receive the James Beard Award for Best Chef Southwest in 1993 and Vincent on Camelback was named 24th Best Restaurant in the World by London's Restaurant Magazine in 2003. Guerithault is an inaugural inductee to the Arizona Culinary Hall of Fame in 1992 and his restaurant was named an exceptional establishment in 2011.

For more information about Vincent Guerithault and his various enterprises, log onto vincentsoncamelback.com.

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