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Mollie Stone's Wins 2012 Ben Schwartz Retail Grocery Visionary Award

Recognized as a leader and innovator in the retail grocery industry by Unified Grocers

MILL VALLEY, CA – Mollie Stone's Markets received top honors this year from Unified Grocers, winning the 2012 Ben Schwartz Retail Grocery Visionary Award. The award is presented annually to an independent retail grocer that is a leader and innovator in the industry. It recognizes retailers who have consistently demonstrated initiative, creativity and leadership within their business and, in the process, have inspired others to think and act creatively and with passion in the grocery field.

Mollie Stone's is the eighth retailer to receive this award, which is named for former Unified Chairman of the Board and celebrated retail visionary Ben Schwartz.

In presenting the award at Unified's EXPO food show on June 19, 2012, in Long Beach, California, Unified CEO Al Plamann said that in addition to being an outstanding progressive retailer, Mollie Stone's thrives because its owners, Dave Bennett and Mike Stone, have focused on growth, innovation, commitment and passion since the chain was first established.

"The passion toward customers and retailing is clearly evident as you walk through their stores," Plamann said. "Every aisle is neat and immaculate, produce is stacked perfectly and also in a way that accents its bright colors; the meat, seafood and bakery departments feature artwork-like displays of mouthwatering products that are literally begging to be purchased; and a fully-stocked wine department includes well-trained experts and helpful information that enables you to make the right selection or pair it with the food you've purchased. Innovation and quality are central to the success of Mollie Stone's and that's why their customers come back to their stores year after year after year."

About Mollie Stone's Markets

Founded in 1985 by Mike Stone and Dave Bennett, Mollie Stone's Markets is family owned and operated with nine locations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Mollie Stone's has been unflinching in its commitment to provide the best possible shopping experience for its customers by offering a wide range of high quality products and full service departments. For more information about Mollie Stone's Markets, visit www.molliestones.com.

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