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## Mollie Stone's Named Outstanding Specialty Retailer by the National Association for the Specialty Food Trade

Recognized nationwide for excellence in customer service, product sourcing, merchandising, quality assurance and top-quality food

MILL VALLEY, CA – The National Association for the Specialty Food Trade, Inc. (NASFT) selected Mollie Stone's Markets as an Outstanding Specialty Food Retailer of 2012. This award recognizes only five retailers nationwide each year for excellence in customer service, product sourcing, merchandising, quality assurance and a passion for presenting top-quality food.

"Mollie Stone's shows true commitment to providing premium service, well-edited choices of the latest new products, and a deep connection to its community that are hallmarks of the specialty food industry," says NASFT President Ann Daw.

Nominations for the award were made by members of the NASFT, a not-for profit association of food artisans, entrepreneurs and importers. Mollie Stone's was selected as a winner by a national panel of specialty food experts including previous honorees, manufacturers, distributors and editors of NASFT's *Specialty Food Magazine*.

Mollie Stone's is featured in the May/June issue of Specialty Food Magazine. Co-founder and co-owner David Bennett accepted the award on June 18, 2012 at the Summer Fancy Food Show in Washington, DC, during a ceremony hosted by chef and culinary innovator Jose Andres.

## **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 <u>www.molliestones.com</u>.