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Over the coming weeks Scout will publish the names and short biographies of those restaurant community icons who are finalists for the 2009 **BC Restaurant Hall of Fame** induction. This is the one and only Duncan Holmes, if not the funniest food writer I've met since my career began (three minutes ago) then definitely the most whipsmart of the bunch. He's shortlisted in the *Friends of the Industry* category:

Duncan Holmes was born in South Australia's Barossa Valley, and left it for North America before knowing that it would gain fame as one of the world's great producers of fine food and equally-spectacular wine. Looking to further a journalism career that had begun at Rupert Murdoch's News in Adelaide, Duncan arrived in Vancouver at the age of nineteen, and for the next eight years, his career home was with The Canadian Press, thence the Vancouver Sun, which hired him away to serve as copy editor and business writer. From the Sun, he went to the dark side of public relations, before being hired by Keg Restaurants as Vice President, Communications in the glory years of the seventies and early eighties. His copy line "See You Tonight," has remained entrenched for more than thirty years as a fixture in Keg advertising. The Keg reinforced Duncan's lifelong love of good food, and his passion for almost all things edible, which, in the intervening years, has shown in his writing for the best of North America's magazines. He has written books, speeches, jokes—anything that anyone pays him to write. He is just as happy in front of a microphone as he is at his keyboards—computer or piano. For many years, Duncan has been a contributor to BC Restaurant News and other food magazines of the region, a consultant to some of the province's best restaurants, and a volunteer for the BC Restaurant Hall of Fame. He continues to write, cook and serve the industry he loves in any way he can.

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disclosure: I am honoured to sit on the Voting Committee with 80 people who are far more qualified than me, including 27 past Hall of Fame Inductees.

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