

# Tour de Force by Atout France and Sofitel at NSW Parliament

WITH 4 million viewers on SBS, the Tour de France will depart soon, marking a perfect occasion for Atout France and Sofitel to organise a reception, hosted at the NSW Parliament.

Over 70 guests including Australian leaders and Minister for Metropolitan Roads Natalie Ward, cycling personalities such as Stuart O'Grady, gathered at an intimate reception with several MPs... all friends of France.

It was a perfect occasion for the French Government to recognise the contribution of Michael Tomalaris, Tour de France TV commentator for over 26 years. For his efforts, he was awarded The National Order of Merit.

THE Hon. Natalie Ward MLC with Patrick Benhamou, Atout France.



FRENCH Consul-General, Anne Boillon with Graham Wilson, Accor, & Sarah Derry, Accor.



FRENCH Ambassador Jean-Pierre Thebault, and Michael Tomalaris, TV Commentator.



TOUR de France Champion, Stuart O'Grady with Anthony Laver, Scenic.

ORDRE National du Mérite, the National Order of Merit.



SOPHIE Almin Atout France, The Hon. Natalie Ward MLC, Sarah Durham, Parliament of New South Wales, and Clélie Collas, Atout France.



JACQUI Walshe of The Walshe Group, and Michael Issenberg, Tourism Australia.