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- Phone orders Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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# VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL WINE FESTIVAL

Feb 11–19, 2017



# THE WINE WORLD IS HERE • THE VINE STARS ARE HERE

For 39 years, the Vancouver International Wine Festival has connected festivalgoers directly with some of the world’s top winemakers. And this year is no exception. You can find these renowned vine stars pouring and discussing their wines at the International Festival Tastings and the special events noted below.

## VINE STARS FROM THEME COUNTRY CANADA

Below are a few of the men and women behind the outstanding Canadian wines from coast to coast. In addition to meeting Canadian vine stars in the Tasting Room, you can meet all 76 of them at the **Celebrating Canada’s 150th** lunch. This culinary journey across Canada is on Saturday, February 18, 12-2 p.m., at Vancouver Convention Centre West.

### Darryl Brooker

Chief Winemaker, Mission Hill Family Estate, British Columbia



Darryl Brooker has more than 18 years of experience making premium wines in Canada, New Zealand, and in his native Australia. As Chief Winemaker at Mission Hill Family Estate, Darryl focuses his efforts on making fine wines that reflect the terroir and unique estate vineyards sites located in the northern and southern regions of the Okanagan Valley. Microclimates within the valley provide challenging opportunities to achieve single vineyard wines that truly represent their terroir.

#### Meet at:

- **Oculus Retrospective**, *wine seminar*, VCC West, Tuesday, February 14, 4-5:30 p.m.
- **Redefining the Okanagan**, *winery dinner*, Blue Water Cafe, Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-10 p.m.

### Jean-Benoit Deslauriers

Head Winemaker, Benjamin Bridge, Nova Scotia



Jean-Benoit joined Benjamin Bridge in 2008 after working at biodynamic and organic wineries in California and Chile. He has since handcrafted all of Benjamin Bridge’s classic method sparklings and still wines, with a focused style on grower wines and small lots from its certified organic vineyards. He’s elevated the wine programs to new heights with national and international recognition for its wines and unique micro-climate in the Gaspereau Valley on Canada’s Atlantic coast.

#### Meet at:

- **Tales of Next World Wines**, *wine seminar*, VCC West, Thursday, February 16, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Trans Canada Tasting**, *wine seminar*, VCC West, Saturday, February 18, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



### Graham Pierce

Winemaker, Black Hills Estate Winery, British Columbia



Graham has nearly 25 years’ experience in the BC wine and food industries in a wide array of facets, including winemaking, vineyard operations and retail and winery restaurant

operations. As Black Hills winemaker, he oversees every facet of the winery operations, and is a passionate hands-on operator. His wines are crafted using painstaking exact vinification techniques that have remained the same since the first wine vintage in 1999.

#### Meet at:

- **BC’s Original Icon**, *wine seminar*, Glowbal, Wednesday, February 15, 4-5:30 p.m.
- **The Benchmarks**, *winery dinner*, Glowbal, Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-10 p.m.

### Ann Sperling

Owner / Winemaker, Sperling Vineyards, British Columbia



Considered a leading force in the Canadian movement towards organic and biodynamic fine winemaking, Ann has over two decades of experience in winegrowing, winemaking

and consulting for successful winery startups. Raised on a family vineyard in Kelowna, BC, Ann’s talents were recognized in the early nineties when her 1992 Merlot took the Gold medal at the International Wine and Spirits Competition in the UK and Platinum at the Okanagan Wine Festival. In 2004, Ann was awarded with Winemaker of the Year at the Ontario Wine Awards.

#### Meet at:

- **I ♥ Bubbly Party**, *wine mingler*, Miele Experience Centre, Tuesday, February 14, 8-10 p.m.
- **Wines of Canada Party**, *wine mingler*, The Permanent, Wednesday, February 15, 8-10 p.m.
- **BC Pioneers & New Kids**, *wine seminar*, VCC West, Friday, February 17, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **25 Under \$25**, *wine mingler*, VCC West, Saturday, February 18, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

### Charles Pillitteri

CEO / Family Member, Pillitteri Estates Winery, Ontario



After graduating from McMaster University and with a background in business, Charlie along with his family opened Pillitteri Estates Winery. Charlie is Pillitteri’s President of

Sales and heads all export and sales divisions. Charlie has been a pioneer in the international export of Canadian wine, so much so that his friends have dubbed him “the king of export”. Charlie is the youngest child of Gary and Lena the winery’s founders and owners.

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- **Wines of Canada Party**, *wine mingler*, The Permanent, Wednesday, February 15, 8-10 p.m.
- **Discover Ontario’s Cool**, *wine seminar*, VCC West, Thursday, February 16, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

### Keith Tyers

Winemaker, Closson Chase, Ontario



Keith Tyers, a graduate of the International Sommelier Guild program (Humber College), began work at Closson Chase in 2003 as a vineyard hand. 2004 he was promoted to Assistant

Winemaker working under Deborah Paskus until 2009. After a two-year hiatus as a wine consultant, he returned to Closson Chase as retail manager. In 2015, he was promoted to winemaker.

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## VINE STARS FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD

### Daniel Castaño

Export Director / Family Member, Familia Castaño, Spain



Daniel Castaño is the third and youngest son of Ramon Castaño Santa, founder of Bodegas Castaño and 3rd generation of family winemakers in Southern Spain. He has worked at Castaño from an early age, starting first in the vineyard, then working in the winery (vinification), administration, and finally sales. Daniel studied business in Alicante and trained on a 4-week viticulture course in Adelaide, Barosa Valley.

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### Ondine Chattan

Winemaker, Geyser Peak, California



A native of Marin County, Ondine spent time in Sonoma Wine Country during her childhood, where she fell in love with the wine industry. This passion grew even stronger while she

obtained an undergraduate degree in Viticulture from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and a Master’s Degree in Enology from Fresno State University. After college, her love of Zinfandel and Rhône varietals led her to positions at Cline Cellars in Sonoma Valley and Ridge Vineyards in Cupertino, before she settled down to her “winemaking home” in the Alexander Valley.

#### Meet at:

- **California Cruisin’**, *wine mingler*, Waterview, Wednesday, February 15, 8:30-11 p.m.
- **Celebrating California Cabs**, *wine seminar*, VCC West, Friday, February 17, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

### Jean-Luc Colombo

Owner / Winemaker, Vins Jean-Luc Colombo, France



Jean-Luc Colombo studied oenology and with his wife Anne created the Oenology Center, working as a winemaking consultant in the Rhône Valley for over 30 years. His love for nature led

him to become a “vigneron”, a childhood dream that he fulfilled by acquiring a small parcel of old vines planted on a granitic hillside overlooking Cornas. Jean-Luc and Anne passed on their love of good food and wine to their daughter Laure, who joined the family domain in 2010.

#### Meet at:

- **Terroir – Passion – Excellence**, *winery dinner*, Le Crocodile, Wednesday, February 15, 6:30-10 p.m.

### Selim Elliati

Owner / President, Suvla, Turkey



Selim Elliati graduated from Bogazici University in Istanbul and worked as a business executive in IT and other fields. In 2004, Selim joined Microsoft Turkey and became General Manager for Middle East and Africa in 2010, winning the Microsoft Circle of Excellence Awards in 2006 and 2008 and the Chairman Award in 2008. He left Microsoft in September 2011 to focus on his private wine (SUVLA) and natural agricultural products (KILYE) business, which he founded in 2003.

#### Meet at:

- **PICA Kitchen Party**, *grazing lunch*, Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts, Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Vintners Brunch**, *brunch*, VCC West, Sunday, February 19, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Wine & Dine Great Terroirs**, *winery dinner*, Terroir Kitchen, Sunday, February 19, 6:30-10 p.m.

### Sam Smail

Head Winemaker, Whitehaven, New Zealand



Sam has been with Whitehaven since 2000. He graduated from the University of Canterbury in 1995 with a degree in Chemistry. A little travel, a little business, and the wish

to use his science qualifications prompted him to complete a post-graduate degree at the University of Adelaide. He then headed for the Napa Valley, then Italy, before his winemaking career path led to Marlborough and Whitehaven.

#### Meet at:

- **Cool Climate, Cool View**, *grazing lunch*, Lift Bar Grill View, Saturday, February 18, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- **Vintners Brunch**, *brunch*, VCC West, Sunday, February 19, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Nik Weis

Owner / Winemaker, Nik Weis St. Urban’s Hof, Germany



Nik is the third generation of the winery founded in 1947. Nik has worked in Champagne, California, and Canada’s Niagara Peninsula. As president of the Young Winemakers Association, he

has been in the forefront to preserve and restore the traditions of German winemaking and has established St. Urbans-Hof as a clear leader in innovation and quality.

#### Meet at:

- **International Festival Tastings**, VCC West, Thursday, February 16, Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18



## “ONE OF THE VERY BEST WINE FESTIVALS IN THE WORLD”

### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL TASTINGS

The Tasting Room at the Vancouver Convention Centre is the heart of the festival and home to four International Festival Tastings over three days, February 16-18. You’ll find 780+ wines offered by 180 wineries from 16 countries, as well as five regional tasting stations.



#### MAKE A WEEKEND OF IT

##### Free ticket with hotel booking

Book a downtown hotel through **beVancouver.com** and get one **FREE International Festival Tasting ticket** (up to \$95 value). Choose from four tastings and ~35 hotels. **Please don’t wine and drive!**



#### DELTA AIR LINES TASTING LOUNGE

February 17 or 18, 5:45-9 p.m., \$190 (includes that evening’s IFT) Amplify your tasting experience: sample an assortment of festival bottles, curated by wine experts, and enjoy some light bites in an exclusive lounge adjacent to the Tasting Room. Learn more about festival wines and get tasting advice for the room. Need a break from the crowds? Simply return to the lounge for a more intimate experience.



#### FREE BOTTLE CHECK, FREE SHIPPING

The onsite BC Liquor Store sells all the winery table wines at the International Festival Tastings. (A ticket for the current IFT session is required to use the store). Don’t wait until the tasting ends to make your purchases; some coveted wines sell out fast. A free bottle check service is available. Buy your selections early and bottle check them until you’re ready to leave. Repeat as necessary. And whether you buy one bottle or 100, wines can be shipped for free to your local BC Liquor Store. (Unless you prefer to schlep them home yourself!)

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