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For 40 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 at winery dinners and special tastings noted.

VINE STARS FROM SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Below are a few of the men and women behind the outstanding wines of the Iberian Peninsula. In addition to meeting Spanish and Portuguese vine stars in the **Tasting Room** (March 1 & 2, 7-10 p.m. and March 3, 2:30-5pm & 7-10 p.m.), you can meet all 58 of them at the **Viva Iberia! Lunch**. This culinary journey through Spain and Portugal is on Saturday, March 3, 12-2 p.m., at Vancouver Convention Centre West.

Gloria Collell
Head Winemaker, Segura Viudas, *Spain*



Gloria Collell was born just outside of Barcelona into a family dedicated to the wine business. After earning her degree in Enology, she quickly went to work with the team at Segura Viudas in a cross-functional role supporting winemaking, international marketing and brand development. Gloria's passion for wine has led her to continue her studies and is on her way to becoming a Master of Wine.

Meet at:

- **Festival Toast**, *wine mingler*, Thursday, March 1, 5:45-7 p.m.
- **Vintners Brunch**, *brunch*, Sunday, March 4, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Joan Cusiné
Proprietor, Parés Baltà / Gravatín, *Spain*



After obtaining his degree in Economics at Esade University in Barcelona, finishing the military service, and studying winemaking, Joan became 100% involved in Parés Baltà, managing the winery together with his brother Josep, and bringing young and fresh ideas to the company. In 2003, he and his brother started the Gravatín project in Priorat, and two years later founded Dominio Romano in Ribera del Duero.

Meet at:

- **Festival Toast**, *wine mingler*, Thursday, March 1, 5:45-7 p.m.
- **Spain's Blockbusters**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



Miguel Gil
Principal & Family Member,
Bodegas Ateca / Bodegas Tridente /
Bodegas Rosario Vera, *Spain*



Born in Jumilla, Spain, Miguel Gil comes from a family of nine and is a product of the 4th generation of winemakers. In 2002, after a career in aeronautical engineering in Sevilla, he immersed himself in the wine business and pursued his father's dream of making honest wines. Miguel is responsible for the growth and consolidation of the 11 wineries that comprise Gil Family Estates. Today, 100 years after its inception, Gil Family Estate wines are enjoyed around the world.

Meet at:

- **Savour Spain**, *wine & food grazing*, Tuesday, February 27, 7-9:30 p.m.
- **Spain's Blockbusters**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

David Guimaraens
Head Winemaker, Taylor Fladgate /
Fonseca, *Portugal*



David represents the sixth generation of his family to be involved in the Port business. After completing his schooling in Portugal and England, David gained hands-on experience in Australia, California and Oregon before studying œnology at Roseworthy Agricultural College in South Australia. He returned to Portugal in 1990 to join the Taylor Fladgate and Fonseca winemaking teams. Since 1991, David has played a leading role in the production of the group's wines and in the development of its wineries and vineyards.

Meet at:

- **The Fladgate Partnership**, *wine seminar*, Wednesday, February 28, 4-6 p.m.

Álvaro Palacios
Winemaker, Alvaro Palacios /
Palacios Remondo /
Descendientes de J. Palacios, *Spain*



The influence that Álvaro Palacios has had on Spanish winemaking can hardly be measured. Not only has he been an important point of reference for up-and-coming winemakers throughout Spain; he pioneered the two highly important regions of Priorat and Bierzo. Named *Decanter's* 2015 Man of the Year and the Institute of Masters of Wine's 2016 Winemaker of the Year, there is no shortage of accolades for Álvaro Palacios.

Meet at:

- **Álvaro Palacios Wine Star**, *wine seminar*, Friday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Decanter World Wine Awards**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Miguel Roquette
Owner, Quinto do Crasto, *Portugal*



A descendant of one of Portugal's oldest wine dynasties, dating back to the 1600s, Miguel Roquette oversees export sales for Quinta do Crasto. Prior to this, he got his hands-on local wine experience in various capacities while employed with Sogrape Vinhos de Portugal in their marketing department, as well as Ferreira Port Wine. He also served as Commercial Director of Van Zeller's & Ca. (part of Quinta do Noval). Aside from being the global "face" for Quinta do Crasto, the family's winery, Miguel is an avid surfer and nature lover.

Meet at:

- **Great Red Grapes**, *wine seminar*, Thursday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Rupert Symington
Joint Managing Director,
Symington Family Estates, *Portugal*



Rupert Symington is a fourth-generation member of the Symington Family. As Joint Managing Director, Rupert has the responsibility of Sales Director for the US, Canada and Australasia, being also responsible for the group's financial affairs and for overseeing the family's investments in a leading Douro table winery: Prats & Symington.

Meet at:

- **Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction**, *winery dinner/auction*, Saturday, February 24, 6-11 p.m.
- **Graham's Port Dinner**, *winery dinner*, Tuesday, February 27, 6:30-10 p.m.
- **Graham's Tawny Port**, *wine seminar*, Thursday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Voyage of Discovery**, *wine seminar*, Friday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Dow's: A Legendary Producer**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Vintners Brunch**, *brunch*, Sunday, March 4, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



Miguel Torres Maczassek
General Manager, Torres, *Spain*



Miguel studied Business and Management at the ESADE University in Barcelona and œnology at the Rovira i Virgili University in Tarragona. In April 2001, he was appointed General Manager at the Jean Leon winery (part of the Torres Group since 1995). In 2004, he accepted the position of Marketing Director of Miguel Torres S.A., responsible for product development, communications and new launchings. In 2009, Miguel Torres Maczassek was appointed Executive President of Miguel Torres Chile. He is currently General Manager of the Torres Group.

Meet at:

- **Torres: History Builds Future**, *wine seminar*, Thursday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Decanter World Wine Awards**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Cristiano van Zeller
Proprietor, Quinta Vale D. Maria, *Portugal*



One of the Douro Boys, Cristiano van Zeller founded Quinta Vale D. Maria in 1996 and has grown it into a top Douro producer. Prior to that, he was the managing director of Quinta do Noval, the van Zeller family Port company, which was sold to AXA in 1993. He has also worked as Commercial Director for Quinta do Crasto and Quinta do Vallada on the teams pioneering the production of Douro red table wine.

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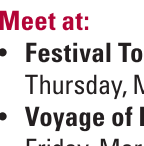
- **Voyage of Discovery**, *wine seminar*, Friday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Paul Wagner
Wine educator and writer



Paul Wagner has been an instructor for Napa Valley College's Viticulture and Enology department for the past twenty-two years. In addition, he teaches at the Culinary Institute of America at Greystone, is a guest lecturer at many universities and has spoken at more than eighty conferences throughout the world on wine, wine education, wine tourism, public affairs, and wine marketing. With Rick Kushman of Capital Public Radio, he hosts "Bottle Talk," a weekly conversation about wine. Paul's participation at the festival is made possible through a partnership with Tourism Vancouver.



- **Festival Toast**, *wine mingler*, Thursday, March 1, 5:45-7 p.m.
- **Voyage of Discovery**, *wine seminar*, Friday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Gusto Latinoamericano**, *sit-down lunch*, Saturday, March 3, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



VINE STARS FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD

Marica Bonomo
Owner, Monte del Frà, *Italy*



Marica Bonomo studied international law, but as a student she worked in the family winery and discovered her passion for wine. In 1999, Monte del Frà was a domestic business, but as Marica poured her energy into the business, it started to grow rapidly and is now selling in 42 countries. Marica continues to actively promote Monte del Frà's terroir wines internationally.

Meet at:

- **Dine Italia**, *sit-down lunch*, Saturday, March 3, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Nikki Callaway
Winemaker, Quails' Gate Winery,
British Columbia



Nikki started her career as a cellar hand working in Bordeaux and southern France. She completed a Diplôme National D'Oenologie at Université Bordeaux II in 2007 before heading to South Africa to work with Waterford Estate winery. Nikki returned to Canada in 2009 to become a winemaker at Mission Hill Family Estate. Her dream of working with a premium boutique-style winery came true when she joined the Quails' Gate team in 2013.

Meet at:

- **A Global Affair**, *winery dinner*, Tuesday, February 27, 6:30-10 p.m.
- **Decanter World Wine Awards**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **Vintners Brunch**, *brunch*, Sunday, March 4, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Delphine de la Fouchardière
Directrice Export,
Domaines Albert Bichot, *France*



After business school studies in France and the US, Delphine de la Fouchardière worked for an American importer and distributor focusing on Bordeaux primeurs offers, then joined the marketing team of a national American importer, where she was in charge of the French and Italian portfolios. Returning to France in 2016, she joined Domaines Albert Bichot and looks after the UK, Ireland, part of Europe, Caribbean and English speaking Canadian provinces.

Meet at:

- **Great Red Grapes**, *wine seminar*, Thursday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



Nicole Hitchcock
Winemaker, J Vineyards & Winery, *USA*



After graduating with a degree in Viticulture and Enology from UC Davis, Nicole worked at Robert Mondavi Winery, E. & J. Gallo Winery, then traveled to Western Australia for a harvest internship at Houghton Winery. Back in the US, Nicole took a role as a winemaker for E. & J. Gallo Winery, and is now the head winemaker at J Vineyards & Winery, where she oversees all aspects of winemaking, from managing operations to supervising the laboratory team.

Meet at:

- **California Crush**, *wine mingler*, Wednesday, February 28, 8:30-11 p.m.
- **Pinot Noir – California Style**, *wine seminar*, Friday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
- **PICA Kitchen Party**, *grazing lunch*, Saturday, March 3, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Antonio Morescalchi
Founder, Altos las Hormigas, *Argentina*



Antonio began his career as a producer of wine in 1988 in his father's vineyard in Montecatini Alto, Tuscany. He founded Altos las Hormigas in 1995 with Alberto Antonini and has built the company from its foundations. Antonio has dedicated himself to all aspects of the industry, from production to sales and marketing, and has started a new project in Cahors, where Altos las Hormigas teams with local vintners to produce Malbec in the place of origin of the grape.

Meet at:

- **Truth in Terroir (trade only)**, *trade seminar*, Friday, March 2, 9:30-11:15 a.m.

Jim Robertson
Global Brand Ambassador,
Stoneleigh, *New Zealand*



With more than 25 years' experience in the international alcohol and beverage field, Jim Robertson is one of New Zealand's most respected industry experts. As Global Wine Ambassador for Pernod Ricard Winemakers, Jim travels the world introducing consumers, media and trade customers to the New Zealand and Australian portfolio of Pernod Ricard Winemakers.

Meet at:

- **Decanter World Wine Awards**, *wine seminar*, Saturday, March 3, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

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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, March 1-3. You'll find ~750 wines from 16 countries offered by 173 wineries, as well as four regional tasting stations.

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Book a downtown hotel through **StayVancouverHotels.com** and get one **FREE International Festival Tasting** ticket (up to \$99 value). Choose from four tastings and ~35 hotels. Please don't wine and drive!



DELTA AIR LINES TASTING LOUNGE

March 2 or 3, 5:45-9 p.m., \$190-195 (includes that evening's 1FT) 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 wines sampled at the International Festival Tastings. (A ticket for the current 1FT 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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