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## DREAM BIG: CALIFORNIA STYLE

For 41 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. *All events at Vancouver Convention Centre West unless otherwise noted.*

### VINE STARS FROM CALIFORNIA

Below are a few of the men and women behind the outstanding wines of the Golden State. In addition to meeting California vine stars in the **Tasting Room** (February 28 & March 1, 7-10 p.m. and March 2, 2:30-5 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.), you can meet all 53 of them at the **Festive California** lunch. This culinary journey through California is on Saturday, March 2, 12-2 p.m., at Vancouver Convention Centre West.

**Jamie Benziger**  
Winemaker, Imagery Estate Winery



Born and raised in Sonoma County's wine business, Jamie studied Marketing at Loyola Marymount University and Sonoma State University. She interned at Gundlach Bundschu, studied the chemistry of wine at St. Francis and Bogle wineries, travelled to New Zealand to drag hoses in the cellar at Villa Maria, and got her hands dirty in the field at Enterprise Vineyards. Now she is back home, working alongside her number one mentor, her dad, Joe Benziger.

- Meet at:**
- **Next Gen California, seminar,** Saturday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



**Jean-Charles Boisset**  
Proprietor, Boisset Collection



Jean-Charles Boisset was born into the world of wine in Vougeot, Burgundy, France. Under his leadership, the Boisset Collection operates 24 wineries in California, France, and Canada. *Decanter* magazine has included him on its "Power List" of the 50 most important people in the wine world each year of its publication since 2007. His many honours include *Meininger's* International Wine Entrepreneur of the Year, "Innovator of the Year" from *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* and the first-ever French-American Partnership Award from the French America Foundation.

- Meet at:**
- **Pinot's Siren Call of Seduction, seminar,** Thursday, February 28, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



**Harvest Duhig**  
Winemaker, Caymus Vineyards,  
Wagner Family of Wine



Harvest graduated from the Viticulture and Enology program at the University of California in Davis. In 2002, after a few years working with some fantastic California wineries, she met Chuck Wagner, who offered her a job working for Caymus Vineyards at a small production facility high on Atlas Peak Road. In addition to her winemaking duties, Harvest is a key player in vineyard development and grower relations for the winery.

- Meet at:**
- **California Crush, mingler,** Waterview, Tuesday, February 26, 8:30-11 p.m.
  - **Hy's Caymus Wine Dinner, dinner,** Hy's Steakhouse & Cocktail Bar, Wednesday, February 27, 6:30-10 p.m.
  - **The Icons of Napa Valley, seminar,** Friday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
  - **Next Gen California, seminar,** Saturday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



**Gina Gallo**  
Vice President, Winemaking –  
Estate Wines, E. & J. Gallo Winery



Gina Gallo developed a deep respect for the land early on. After studying winemaking at the University of California at Davis, Gina became an apprentice winemaker at E. & J. Gallo Winery, under the careful guidance of her grandfather, Julio. Today, as the winemaker behind the Gallo Signature Series, Gina carves out specific blocks on the most sought-after vineyards to hand craft limited batches of wine.

- Meet at:**
- **Explore California!, dinner,** The Vancouver Club, Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-10 p.m.
  - **Pinot's Siren Call of Seduction, seminar,** Thursday, February 28, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
  - **Next Gen California, seminar,** Saturday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

**Austin Hope**  
Winemaker / President,  
Hope Family Wines



After graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in fruit science, Austin worked with Caymus founder Chuck Wagner in Napa, learning the nuts and bolts of the wine business. After beginning as the assistant winemaker at his family's winery, Treana, Austin became winemaker for the Hope portfolio in 1998. In 2009, Austin Hope was named "Winemaker of the Year" at the California Mid-State Fair.

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  - **Just Chill, mingler,** The Loft at Earls Yaletown, Wednesday, February 27, 8-10 p.m.
  - **Rhône Around the World, seminar,** Friday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
  - **Next Gen California, seminar,** Saturday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



**Genevieve Janssons**  
Chief Winemaker,  
Robert Mondavi Winery



After receiving her National Diploma of Enology, Genevieve managed her family's vineyards in Corsica and France, but moved to the Napa Valley in 1978 to join Robert Mondavi Winery as a lab enologist and assistant enologist. In 1989, she became Director of Production at Opus One Winery. Then rejoined Mondavi as the Director of Winemaking, where she is now Chief Winemaker. In 2009, the French government honoured Genevieve as an "Officier" of the Ordre National du Mérite Agricole.

- Meet at:**
- **Discover Robert Mondavi Winery, dinner,** Ancora Waterfront Dining and Patio, Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-10 p.m.
  - **RMW: A Visionary Journey, seminar,** Thursday, February 28, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



**Joel Peterson**  
Founder, Ravenswood Winery



From two single vineyard Zinfandels in 1976, Joel Peterson has shepherded Ravenswood from a small one-man winery, to a respected producer of approximately one million cases of red wine. A current member and former president of the Sonoma Valley Vintners and Growers Alliance (SVVGA), Joel is on the Board of Directors for the Sonoma County Vintners. In 2011, Joel was inducted into the Vintners Hall of Fame.

- Meet at:**
- **Ravenswood's Godfather of Zin, seminar,** Saturday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

**Randy Ullom**  
Winemaster, Kendall-Jackson



A native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Randy Ullom studied crop production with a specialty in Viticulture and Enology at Ohio State University. Hired by Jess Jackson in 1992 as Winemaker for some of Jackson Family Wines smaller and international vineyards, Randy was the appointed Winemaster for Kendall-Jackson in 1997.

- Meet at:**
- **Next World Chardonnay, seminar,** The Vancouver Club, Tuesday, February 26, 4:30-6 p.m.

**Paul Wagner**  
Wine educator and writer



Paul Wagner has been an instructor for Napa Valley College's Viticulture and Enology department for the past 23 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 80 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.

- Meet at:**
- **Pinot's Siren Call of Seduction, seminar,** Thursday, February 28, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
  - **Gusto Latinoamericana, lunch,** Lift Bar Grill View, Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



### VINE STARS FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD



**Jon Bonné**  
Journalist and author,  
senior contributing editor, *PUNCH*

Jon Bonné is one of the most influential American voices on wine. He is the senior contributing editor for *PUNCH*, and the author of *The New California Wine* and *The New Wine Rules*. Previously Bonné was the lifestyle editor and wine columnist at MSNBC, wine editor and chief wine critic for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, US columnist for *Decanter* and wine columnist for *Seattle* magazine. In 2017, he was honored as Feature Writer of the Year at the Roederer Awards.

- Meet at:**
- **Rhône Around the World, seminar,** Friday, March 1, 5:15-6:45 p.m.

**Cecilia Carrasco**  
Regional Export Manager,  
Familia Zuccardi



Cecilia Carrasco, born in Mendoza, Argentina, has a degree in foreign trade, and an MBA from Universidad Nacional de Cuyo. She has been the export manager in charge of the Canadian market at Familia Zuccardi since 2017, and has more than 10 years of experience in international trade.

- Meet at:**
- **Just Chill, mingler,** The Loft at Earls Yaletown, Wednesday, February 27, 8-10 p.m.
  - **PICA Kitchen Party, lunch,** Pacific Institute of Culinary Arts, Saturday, March 2, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
  - **The Shape of Wine, seminar,** Saturday, March 2, 5:15-6:45 p.m.
  - **Vintners Brunch, brunch,** Sunday, March 3, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.



**Christine Coletta**  
Co-owner, Free Form by Okanagan  
Crush Pad



Christine Coletta and her husband Steve Lornie own Okanagan Crush Pad, a family-run winery located in Summerland, BC, that is home to their Haywire, Narrative and Free Form wine labels. Christine spent nine years as the founding executive director of the BC Wine Institute and Wines of Canada, where she was instrumental in establishing the region's appellation system and growing market share, and 14 years consulting in the field of marketing, branding and communications.

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**Moreno Coronica**  
Winemaker / Owner, Coronica



The tradition of wine production for the Coronica family began four generations ago. The Coronica winery is located near the tourist town of Umag, on the northwestern coast of Istria in Croatia. The youngest member of the Coronica family, Moreno, with his father Ottavian, continue to follow the family tradition of producing some of the best Teran and Malvazija wines in Croatia.

- Meet at:**
- **Bacchanalia Gala Dinner + Auction, dinner,** Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, Saturday, February 23, 6-11 p.m.
  - **A Taste of Croatia, dinner, L'Abattoir,** Tuesday, February 26, 6:30-10 p.m.
  - **Grapes Unknown, seminar,** Thursday, February 26, 5:15-6:45 p.m.



**Anthony Gismondi**  
Publisher, *Gismondionwine.com*;  
wine writer, *Vancouver Sun*



Anthony Gismondi is the wine columnist at the *Vancouver Sun*, co-host of BC Food and Wine Radio, and publishes the wine review website *gismondionwine.com*. In his spare time, he is the Canada section editor for *Hugh Johnson's Pocket Wine Book* and writes a wine column in Vancouver's urban hip *Montecristo*.

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**Sam Temme**  
General Manager of Sales, Wirra Wirra



After graduating with a Wine Marketing degree, Sam joined Samuel Smith & Son and Negotiants Australia. Sam's knowledge of the Australian wine industry led to his appointment as General Manager of Lloyd Brother Wine and Olive Company. His success in management roles with the Galvanized Wine Group and Charles Melton Wines led Wirra Wirra to invite him to become part of the tribe.

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### "ONE OF THE VERY BEST WINE FESTIVALS IN THE WORLD"

#### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL TASTINGS (IFT)

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 28, March 1 and 2. You'll find ~725 wines offered by 160 wineries from 16 countries, as well as eight regional tasting stations.

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#### DELTA AIR LINES TASTING LOUNGE

March 1 or 2, 5:45-9 p.m., \$199-\$209 (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.

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#### FREE BOTTLE CHECK, FREE SHIPPING

The on-site BC Liquor Store sells all wines sampled 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 a BC Liquor Store anywhere in the province.

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