



November 16 – 19 | Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina | San Diego, CA

Schedule at a Glance

**Wednesday, November 16**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**WSET (Wine & Spirits Education Trust) Level 1 Award in Wine**

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Cicerone Certification**

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Chianti Classico: A Legacy Deciphered**

Presented by Diego Meraviglia, Vice President, North American Sommelier Association

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Registration Desk open**

**Thursday, November 17**

7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Registration Desk open**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast with Roundtable Discussions**

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Seminars:

- **Structure & Aroma Component Tasting**  
*David Glancy, MS, Founder, San Francisco Wine School*
- **A Sense of Place and Precision, the Wines of Michel Chapoutier**  
*John Rielly, Vice Chairman, Terlato Wines International*
- **Tour of Sicily**  
*Joe Spellman, MS, Winery Sommelier for JUSTIN Vineyards and Winery*
- **Is Chenin Blanc South Africa's Flagship Grape?**  
*Jim Clarke, Marketing Manager, Wines of South Africa*
- **Champagne House Styles**  
*Gillian Ballance, MS, National Education Manager, Treasury Wine Estates*
- **"Vino Autentico": Indigenous Grapes & Incomparable Terroir**  
*Chris Tanghe, MS*

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

**Tasting Break, Hosted by Wines of Germany**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Seminars:

- **The Nightmare Scenario; Dealing With The Difficult Guest**  
*Eric Entrikin, MS*
- **Pinot Noir From Around The World**  
*Geoff Labitzke, MW, Director of Sales and Marketing for Kistler Vineyards*
- **Penfolds Shiraz: A Study of Warm and Cool Climate**  
*DLynn Proctor, Penfolds Ambassador*
- **Bordeaux: The New Generation – Changing the Conversation**  
*Mary Gorman, MW, Market Advisor to the Bordeaux Wine Council (CIVB) and Ira Norof, CSE, CWE, Director of Education & Events, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits*
- **A Side of Bourgogne Yet To Be Discovered**  
*Raj Vaidya, Head Sommelier, DANIEL Restaurant and James King, President at King James Wine School*
- **Digging In To Unique Terroir**  
*Eric Hemer, MS, MW, Southern Glazer's Wine & Spirits of America (SGWS)*

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12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Wine Lunch** presented by *Napa Valley Vintners*  
*Keynote Speakers: Pam Dillon, Co-Founder and CEO at Wine Ring, Inc and Ian Cauble, MS, Founder of SommSelect*

1:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Seminars:

- **Austria Now**  
*Jesse Becker, MS*
- **The Art of Decanting**  
*Maxwell Leer, Co-Founder, Winerave*
- **Hungarian Furmint: Ancient Grape, Modern Wines**  
*Tim Gaiser, MS*
- **Germany: 1971 Wine Law vs. 2012 VDP Classification**  
*Damon Goldstein and Brian Donegan*
- **The Role of Viticulture in the Evolution of Napa Valley Wines**  
*Jon Ruel, Chief Executive Officer, Trefethen Vineyards*
- **Blind Taste With The Masters (MS)**

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Tasting Break**, Hosted by *Rias Baixas*

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Seminars:

- **Wine Counterfeiting**
- **Bottom Line Restaurant Wine Management**  
*Randy Caparoso, Editor, The SOMM Journal*
- **History of Craft Beer: Ancient to the Present**  
*Maurice DiMarino, Wine & Beverage Director, Cohn Restaurant Group*  
*Panel Discussion*
- **Building a Better Flying Cigar: 6 Ways of Looking at a New World Rhône Blend**  
*Randall Grahm, Founder, Bonny Doon Vineyard*
- **American Whiskey Panel Discussion + Tasting**  
*Tom Fischer, Founder of Bourbon Blog*

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Tasting Break**, Hosted by *Ste. Michelle Estates*

## **Friday, November 18**

7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Registration Desk open**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast and Networking**

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Seminars:

- **Introduction to The Institute of Masters of Wine**  
*Amy Christine, MW, Owner, Black Sheep Finds*
- **Sta. Rita Hills, Consider the Source, Time in A Bottle**  
*Panel Discussion*
- **Exploring Chardonnay and Pinot Noir of the Russian River Valley**  
*Panel Discussion*
- **Farmworkers to Winegrowers**  
*Presented by Mexican American Vintners Association*
- **Beyond the Floor: Finding Opportunities to Supplement Your Career**  
*Panel Discussion*

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9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Tasting Break, Hosted by Banfi Wines**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Seminars:

- **Australia: Old Vines – Classic Wines**  
*Matt Stamp, MS*
- **Extraordinary Tuscan Experience**  
*Fred Dame, MS and Cristina Mariani-May, co-CEO at Banfi Vintners*
- **The Nightmare Scenario; Dealing With The Difficult Guest**  
*Eric Entrikin, MS*
- **Unraveling the Mysteries of Indigenous Italian Grape Varieties**  
*Geralyn Brostrom, CWE, IWP*
- **Diversity of Pinot Noir within the Russian River Valley**  
*Panel Discussion*
- **Willamette Valley: A Place Of Its Own**  
*Sur Lucero, MS, National Director of Wine Education, Jackson Family Wines*

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Wine Lunch** presented by Wines of Alsace

**Keynote Speaker:** *Raj Vaidya, Head Sommelier, DANIEL Restaurant*

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Seminars:

- **South Africa – A Bridge Between The Old World and The New World**  
*Peter Koff, MW, Owner and President of Fairest Cape Beverage Company*
- **Blind Taste With The Masters (MW)**
- **Alsace Rocks: Exploring the Region's Grand Crus**  
*Josh Nadel, Beverage Nadel, NoHo Hospitality Group, Wines of Alsace*
- **Millenials Love Blends . . . Is this Contributing to the Strategic Emergence of Baja Wines?**  
*Tom Bracamontes, Owner, La Competencia Imports*
- **Medoc 2012 Vintage Through Its 8 Appellations**  
*Dewey Markham Jr., Author*

3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**The Trade Tasting at SommCon<sup>®</sup>**

**Saturday, November 19**

12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**San Diego Bay Wine + Food Festival Lexus Grand Tasting (additional ticket purchase required)**

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