

## **Fellowship Winners & Sponsors**

### 2014 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers at Meadowood Napa Valley

Fifteen Napa Valley wineries and the Symposium itself sponsored fellowships for the 2014 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers at Meadowood Napa Valley. The fellowships were awarded to the eleven top-scoring entrants in the writing competition and five more to Editor's Choice fellows from the wine writing community at large. Valued at \$1,940, the fellowships cover registration and lodging at Meadowood Napa Valley four four nights. Fellowship sponsors underwrite the fellowships with contributions to the symposium organization. Here are the fellowship winners and their sponsors.

#### OPEN FELLOWSHIP WINNERS

Based on Writing Competition

**Tina Caputo**, Editor, Vineyard & Winery Management

Plumpjack Estate, CADE Estate, and Odette Estate

The PlumpJack, CADE, and Odette Estate Winery Fellowship celebrates writers dedicated to covering the entrepreneurial aspects of the wine business and or cutting edge developments in winemaking. Following the conclusion of the symposium, the fellowship recipient is invited to join PlumpJack winemakers Aaron Miller, CADE Estate winemaker Danielle Cyrot, Odette Estate winemaker Jeff Owens and general manager/partner John Conover for an afternoon of tasting at California's greenest winery estate, CADE Estate Winery on Howell Mountain.

**Heidi Cusick Dickerson**, Author, Freelance Writer

Robert Mondavi Winery

The Robert Mondavi Winery has a long tradition of integrating wine with food and the arts as the embodiment of a gracious, healthy lifestyle. This fellowship will be awarded to a first-time writer's symposium attendee who is passionate about exploring what wine means in a larger context with the fresh, bountiful foods and culture that Napa Valley offers.

**Janet Forman**, Wine Enthusiast, National Geographic Traveler

Shafer Vineyards

Shafer Vineyards offers this 2014 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers Fellowship to support and encourage a writer who brings a fresh, passionate voice for California wine and understands its position within the larger world of wine.

**Rick Kushman**, Author, Commentator, Capital Public Radio

Hourglass

The Hourglass Fellowship is dedicated to the increasingly fading art of compelling storytelling. We will honor someone who can summon the creative muse with a unique point of view. Dirt? Does it really truly matter? Why is the debate about balance so unbalanced? Can different styles of music actually change the aroma and taste of wine? Kick around the caves, have lunch and BS with proprietor Jeff Smith. You will drink red wine and talk Napa dirt, but it may not be about the 100 recognized soil series, or whether tasting minerality in wine is scientifically viable.

**Kerry Newberry**, Freelance Writer, Wine & Spirits

## BOND

BOND Estates is committed to the exploration of Napa Valley's diverse geography and finest terroirs. It is our honor to extend a fellowship to a wine writer who finds similar inspiration in the uniqueness of place and its expression through careful stewardship. The recipient will be invited to spend a day with our team in each of our 'Grand Cru' vineyards, including a tasting and lunch at the BOND winery in Oakville.

**Kara Newman**, Freelance Writer, Wine Enthusiast, Arrive  
Far Niente

The Far Niente Fellowship embraces in-depth study and discussion of the great wine estates of the Napa Valley and their long-term dedication to cultivating vineyards, winery properties and winemaking talent. At the conclusion of the symposium, the fellowship recipient is invited to visit Far Niente for a tasting of our estate wines, including current releases and select Cave Collection vintages.

**Laura Sanchez**, Freelance Writer, Edible Santa Barbara, Sante  
Saintsbury

Saintsbury offers a fellowship to the wine writer who exemplifies the spirit of George Saintsbury, the literary scholar and wine writer for whom the winery is named. Saintsbury's volume Notes on a Cellar Book inspired owners Richard Ward and David Graves to take the plunge and start their own winery. They return that inspiration in support of a wine writer who strives for excellence in creative and effective writing on the subject and sensibility of wine.

**Sean P. Sullivan**, Founder, Washington Wine Report; Wine Enthusiast  
Stag's Leap Wine Cellars

Stag's Leap Wine Cellars is pleased to offer the CASK 23 Fellowship to an attendee of the 2014 symposium. We celebrate wine media worldwide and recognize their positive educational role in the growing wine culture. Though rich in history and legacy, our winery is firmly focused on the future with our ongoing pursuit of excellence. We invite our 2014 fellow to join winemaker Marcus Notaro for an estate tour (including the construction of our new Visitor Center overlooking our vineyards) and tasting of our iconic FAY, S.L.V. and CASK 23 Estate-Grown Cabernets.

**Luke Sykora**, Senior Editor, Wine & Spirits  
Frank J. Prial Fellowship, sponsored by the Symposium

**W.R. Tish**, Managing Editor, Beverage Media  
Tres Sabores

Tres Sabores offers a fellowship to one writer with a particular interest in smaller, family-based vineyards, organic grape growing and land stewardship. Should the recipient choose to spend an additional day or two in Napa Valley after the symposium, the award includes lodging at the winery's Rutherford guest studio. The awarded fellow is also invited to join us and tour some of the area's most unique farms, talk with leaders in the organic growing movement and dine with community members.

**Bill Ward**, Wine Columnist, Minneapolis Star-Tribune

### Chimney Rock Winery

The Terlato Family is pleased to offer a fellowship to the 2014 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers. We salute the dedication and passion that the fellowship candidates bring to their craft and offer our sincere hope that this fellowship will further strengthen the winning candidate's professional development. In addition, we extend an invitation for the recipient to join us for a tasting of Chimney Rock wines.

### EDITOR'S CHOICE FELLOWSHIPS

Selected from wine writing community at large

**Katie Kelly Bell**, Freelance Writer, Forbes, USA Today, Modern Luxury

### Raymond Vineyards

Raymond Vineyards is proud to offer a fellowship to one writer attending The Symposium for Professional Wine Writers. The fellowship will be awarded to a writer who demonstrates fresh, passionate writing about wine and food and their role in enhancing the Napa Valley lifestyle.

**Paul Franson**, Wines & Vines, Napa Valley Register

### PEJU

Peju Province Winery, located in the heart of Napa Valley's famed Rutherford appellation, is pleased to offer a fellowship to one wine writer attending The Symposium for Professional Wine Writers. Peju's fellowship award celebrates the talents of a published wine writer who is able to marry wine, food, art and travel through meaningful content, excellent clarity and sound knowledge of the wine industry. The recipient will also be invited to join Peju co-founder Herta Peju for a tasting, lunch and tour of the winery's pristine estate.

**James Knight**, Wine Columnist, North Bay Bohemian

### The Hess Collection

For nearly three decades visitors to Napa Valley have been arriving on Mount Veeder to experience the twin passions that Donald Hess captured under one roof with The Hess Collection Winery & The Hess Art Collection. The Hess Collection Fellowship celebrates the art of mountain winemaking and is extended to a writer who shares our founder's boundless curiosity about the subject. We welcome the recipient to join winemaker Dave Guffy before or after the symposium for a tour of Veeder summit and a tasting and conversation over lunch in our private dining room.

**Monica Prella**, Freelance Writer, Afa.com, Bespoke

### Silverado Vineyards

Silverado Vineyards is pleased to award this fellowship to one published wine writer attending the 2014 symposium. Ideally, the writer will demonstrate the ability to build excitement around established Napa Valley families who are committed to estate grown, produced and bottled by wines.

**Patricia Savoie**, Freelance Writer, Beverage Media, ICON

### Franciscan Estate

Franciscan winery is pleased to offer a fellowship to an attending writer of the 2014 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers. The award is open to published writers with a particular interest in the winemaker's art of blending or the use of wild yeast fermentation. Following the symposium, director of winemaking Janet Myers invites you to the winery for an exclusive look at Franciscan's small lot winemaking style followed by lunch or dinner.