



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

### FELLOWS NAMED FOR THE 2018 SYMPOSIUM FOR PROFESSIONAL WINE WRITERS

Steven Spurrier will share his memories of 1976's Judgement of Paris



ST. HELENA, Calif. - February 15, 2018 - Fellowship award winners have been announced for the 2018 Symposium for Professional Wine Writers at Meadowood Napa Valley. Qualified wine, wine-food and wine-travel writers were selected by a panel of leading wine editors based on their professional editorial status, the quality and originality of their work and their influence in the world of wine writing.

The 2018 Fellows are:

- Lynda Balslev, Sausalito, CA
- Jill Barth, Springfield, IL
- Stacy Briscoe, San Jose, CA
- Lisa Denning, New York, NY
- Mary Ann DeSantis, Lady Lake, FL
- Dave DeSimone, Pittsburg, PA
- Viki Eierdam, Battle Ground, WA
- Marisa Finetti, Las Vegas, NV
- Chris Gray Faust, Yardley, PA
- Paul Gregutt, Waitsburg, WA
- Kelly Hayes, Aspen, CO
- Joseph Hernandez, Chicago, IL
- Paul Hodgins, Huntington Beach, CA
- Matthew Horkey, Dundee, MI
- Miquel Hudin, Porrera, Spain
- Jess Lander, Rutherford, CA
- John Lenart, Chicago, IL
- Jaime Lewis, San Luis Obispo, CA
- Jānis Miglavs, Sherwood, OR
- Rebecca Murphy, Seattle, WA
- Kirk Peterson, Las Vegas, NV
- Shundria Reed, West Sacramento, CA
- Yuki Saito, San Francisco, CA
- Anne Sampson, Richland, WA
- Fred Swan, Oakland, CA
- Charine Tan, Singapore
- Ilona Thompson, San Ramon, CA
- Daenna Van Mulligen, Vancouver, Canada

Meadowood and the Napa Valley Vintners trade association, the Symposium's founders, are underwriting this year's fellowships.

Keynote speaker Steven Spurrier joins a robust faculty of writers, editors and coaches on the Symposium faculty, which includes Callie Crossley, radio and TV host, commentator, WGBH Boston; Evan Goldstein, Master Sommelier and author; Jim Gordon, editor, Wines & Vines and contributing editor, Wine Enthusiast; Rae Ann Herman, contributing style editor at O, The Oprah Magazine; Ray Isle, Executive Wine Editor, Food & Wine; Todd Kliman, author and critic; Karen MacNeil, author, wine columnist, and consultant; Dave McIntyre, wine columnist, The Washington Post; Orianne Nouailhac, publisher, editor in chief, VIGNERON; Cyril Penn, editor, Wine Business Monthly; Pavia Rosati, founder and CEO, Fathom; Leslie Sbrocco, author and television host; Lettie Teague, wine columnist, The Wall Street Journal; and Amy Wislocki, managing editor, Decanter.

Symposium sessions will take place at both Meadowood Napa Valley and The Culinary Institute of America at Greystone in St. Helena, California February 20-23, 2018.

#### [About the Symposium for Professional Wine Writers](#)

The Symposium for Professional Wine Writers, founded by Meadowood Napa Valley and the Napa Valley Vintners trade association and supported by The Culinary Institute of America, draws top wine book authors and editors, wine magazine writers and critics, newspaper wine columnists, bloggers and other editorial wine content creators to Napa Valley to speak, listen, debate, explore themes prevalent in contemporary wine writing and network with their peers for four days. A combination of lectures, panel discussions, group and individual writing sessions, wine tasting and

fine dining make the Symposium an unmatched career enrichment opportunity for editorial wine, wine-food, and wine-travel writers. Learn more at [WineWritersSymposium.org](http://WineWritersSymposium.org).

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