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International Cool Climate
Chardonnay Celebration

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How to taste like a Master of Wine





School of Cool- Panellists

- **Michelle Cherutti-Kowal MW, Consultant and Educator**
- **Faith Fulginiti Brand Ambassador Gary Farrell Vineyards**
- **Thomas Bachelder, owner and winemaker Bachelder Wines**
- **Anthony Russell, owner Hamilton Russell Vineyards**

School of Cool- Wines

- **Domaine Laroche, Chablis, France *Saint Martin 2019***
- **Gary Farrell Vineyards, Russian River California *Selection Chardonnay 2018***
- **Bachelder, Niagara Ontario, *Wismer Wingfield Vineyards Chardonnay 2018***
- **Hamilton Russell Vineyards, South Africa, *Chardonnay 2020***
- **Kellerei Bozen, Alto Adige Italy, *Chardonnay 2019***



School of Cool- Master of Wine Tasting Style

Analysis of the structure of the wine

Based on evidence in the glass, logical deduction of:

- Grape
- Origin
- Winemaking and or maturation methods
- Quality
- Commercial relevance

Taste Like a Detective, Argue Like a Lawyer



School of Cool- Agenda

MW Tasting Style

- **Grape-** 2019 Domaine Laroche Saint Martin Chablis
- **Origin-** 2018 Gary Farrell Russian River Selection Chardonnay
- **Winemaking and maturation-** 2018 Bachelder Wismer Wingfield Chardonnay
- **Quality-** 2020 Hamilton Russell Vineyards Chardonnay
- **Commercial Relevance-** Kellerei Bozen and all wines



School of Cool- Grape Variety- Michelle

- Colour
- Fruit Aroma / Flavour Profile
- Acid
- Alcohol
- Residual Sugar (or lack thereof)
- Grape Tannin
- Texture
- Weight
- Oak

Domaine Laroche, Chablis Saint Martin

Domaine Laroche is directly linked to the history of Chablis. Domaine Laroche owns 90 hectares of vineyard situated amongst the best crus. Its headquarters, the Obédiencerie of Chablis, reveals a heritage dating back from the Middle Age. The importance of the ecological balance is crucial to maintain the vineyard heritage and to favour its durability.

- **Viticulture:** grown on limestone from Kimmeridgian, multiexposure to the sun.
- **Vinification:** fermentation in stainless steel tanks.
- **Ageing:** long ageing on fine lees in stainless steel tanks and “foudres” – large oak casks – of 55hl (8%).



School of Cool- Origin- Michelle and Faith

- Hot, warm, moderate or cool climate
- Old World / New World
- Aroma / Flavour Profile
- Structure (Alcohol, Acid, Tannin, Texture, etc.)
- Typical Winemaking Techniques
- Varietal Logic
- Quality



Gary Farrell Russian River Selection Chardonnay 2018

In 1982 - before the Russian River AVA even existed - Gary Farrell crafted his first Pinot Noir from fruit grown in the now-legendary Rochioli Vineyard. Today, we continue Gary's legacy and seek out only the vineyards that possess a truly unique voice. Then we craft wines to tell their story, from the Russian River Valley and beyond.

Viticulture: Selection from top vineyards (15-18) in the Russian River

Vinification: fermented in barriques and 500litre barrels

Ageing: 8 months 30% new



School of Cool- Winemaking and Maturation- Michelle and Thomas

- Picking times
- Fruit sorting and yield
- Use of skins and or stems
- Pressing
- Fermentation temperature and vessel
- Skin maceration
- Malolactic conversion
- Lees contact
- Barrel maturation (size, age, time)



Bachelder Wismer Wingfield Chardonnay 2018

We're inspired by the love of our spiritual home – Burgundy – where the grapes we love originally evolved, where even the tiniest of vineyards are put separately into a bottle. Our aim is to help discover, quantify and name the Terroirs of Niagara, one-by-one, from west (just outside Hamilton) to east (just outside the “Old Town” of Niagara-on-the-Lake) – and to deliver their energy and their purity of spirit to your glass! Pull the cork and dream of the vineyard from which it comes!

Viticulture: 30 yr. old vines grown 160m, silty/clay and limestone

Vinification:

Ageing:



School of Cool- Quality- Michelle and Anthony

- Balance of the structural components
- Varietal Definition
- Concentration of fruit
- Layers of complexity including number and variety of primary characteristics as well as barrel and bottle age
- Integration of oak (if used)
- Texture, including extraction, glycerol, bubbles
- Length of the finish
- Overall elegance



Hamilton Russell Vineyards Chardonnay 2020

Hamilton Russell Vineyards – one of the most southerly wine Estates in Africa and one of the closest to the sea – pioneered viticulture and winemaking in the beautiful, cool, maritime Hemel-en-Aarde Valley appellation, just behind the old fishing village of Hermanus.

The Estate specialises in producing highly individual, terroir driven Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, which are widely regarded as the best in South Africa and among the finest in the New World.

Viticulture: low vigour stoney soils, harvested end of February

Vinification: 95% fermented in barrique (french) and 5% in foudre

Ageing: 9 months in barrique, 29% 1st fill, 41% 2nd fill, 29% 3rd fill and 1% 4th fill



School of Cool- Commercial Relevance-all panelists

Based on how the wine tastes:

Where do you see the wine being sold?

When do you see the wine being sold?

Who do you see buying the wine?

How do you see the wine being sold?



Kellerei Bozen, Alto Adige Chardonnay 2019

The 224 members of the cooperative combine a love of their homeland with a passion for their craft. On diverse soils they cultivate 15 different grape varieties, which are used to make wines with local/regional character.

Viticulture: grown between 350-500m, harvest mid-October

Vinification: fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

Ageing: Short aging on fine lees in stainless steel tanks



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Questions?