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NEW SOMMELIERS AT THE NELL; UNCORKED ON ESQUIRE TV



Aspen, Colo. (November 2015) - The Little Nell takes pride in our wine program, which is overseen by Master Sommelier and Wine Director Carlton McCoy. McCoy leads wine tastings and classes for staff on an ongoing basis, and The Nell also supports staff pursuits towards wine certification through the Court of Master Sommeliers. Earlier this month, a number of staff from The Nell earned their level 1 and 2 certifications from the Court at exams held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, bringing the total number of sommeliers at the hotel to 39, comprising 26 Introductory, 10 Certified, 2 Advanced + 1 Master. At these recent exams, The Little Nell earned top honors with Leo Spinelli from the banquets team and Erik Elliot from Ajax Tavern achieving the high score on the Introductory and Certified exams, respectively.

As of November 2015, the current list comprises:

Introductory Sommeliers (26)

Charles Benoit
Amanda Severin
Alex Costa
Leo Spinelli (Overall High Score in his class, Nov. 10, 2015)
Nataliia Gudzenko
May Selby
Stephanie Strauss
Lauren New
Ian Simmons
Peter Kovach
Sarah Liendo
Matt Jacobsen
Ashley Arnot
Oscar Fernandez
Carrie Williams
Chef Matt Zubrod
Thom Barr
Zach McCabe
Melina Glavas
Lindsey McConnell

Nick Adler
Dan Fehr
Jake Zubrod
Casarae Clark
Marcy Kneiper
Dionysio Madrid

Certified Sommeliers (10)

Itzel Ortiz
Erik Elliot (Overall High Score in his class, Nov. 8, 2015)
John Koch
Robert Calfee
Ricardo Leyvas
Jeff Moses
Christopher Dunaway
Grant Barrette
Suman Pradham
Derek Reijmer

Advanced Sommeliers (2)

Timothy Baldwin
Csaba Oveges

Master Sommelier (1)

Carlton McCoy

The Little Nell is also featured in the documentary series [Somm Uncorked](#) currently airing Tuesdays at 10 p.m. EST on Esquire TV. The show follows six aspiring Master Sommeliers from New York, as they prepare for their M.S. exam, and features former Little Nell Master Sommeliers Sabato Sagaria and Dustin Wilson throughout the series. The Nell was the setting for the exam last spring, which is the topic for the final episode that airs Tuesday, Dec. 15. Chair 9 will present a re-screening of the finale in January with McCoy and fellow somms as your hosts and wine specials. Details are forthcoming.

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About The Little Nell

Cosmopolitan yet intimate, contemporary yet timeless, The Little Nell invites guests to experience Aspen's only Forbes Five-Star, AAA Five-Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel – a Relais & Châteaux resort. For more information and for reservations, please call 888.The.Nell (888.843.6355) or visit www.thelittlenell.com.

Awards, Accolades and Talent

The Little Nell's culinary team is led by Executive Chef Matt Zubrod with Curtis Cameron as Executive Pastry Chef and Matt Padilla as Chef de Cuisine for element 47. Master Sommelier Carlton McCoy oversees the wine program. Element 47 has been acknowledged with [numerous awards](#) including The Grand Award from Wine

Spectator since 1995, recognition as one of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants from Wine Enthusiast and a Forbes Five-Star rating in 2015.

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