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INTRODUCING THE LITTLE NELL WINE ACADEMY

Aspen, Colo. (March 6, 2017) – The inaugural edition of The Little Nell Wine Academy takes place from April 9 – 12 in Aspen, Colo. Presented by The Little Nell with [Carlton McCoy](#), Wine Director and Master Sommelier, overseeing the curriculum, this is a comprehensive course in the world of wines, spirits, food pairings, and service, as well as dining etiquette at the highest level of standards. With an emphasis on Food & Beverage and Event Planning, this program is exclusively offered to professionals in the hospitality industry.

Joining McCoy in leading the courses are fellow Master Sommeliers Jay Fletcher, Executive Director of Dine Wine for Southern Wine & Spirits - Colorado, and Sean Razee, Beverage Director for Vail Resorts. Classes will take place at the prestigious, members-only [Aspen Mountain Club](#), situated at 11,212 feet, in full view of the awe-inspiring Elk Mountains. Meals, wine tastings and special events will also be staged at The Little Nell, with luxurious accommodations available for a preferred rate.

As a participant, you will develop the knowledge and confidence to discuss a comprehensive range of alcoholic beverages, as well as confidently recognize general wine quality and flaws. No prior wine knowledge is necessary. At the conclusion of the course, a two-part exam will be given, beginning with a blind tasting, followed by a written test. Candidates who pass will be presented with a certificate and will also be well-prepared for the Court of Master Sommeliers' Introductory Exam, should you choose to continue this pursuit.

[The Little Nell](#) is Aspen's only Five-Star, Five-Diamond, ski-in/ski-out hotel, offering luxury services and unparalleled access to America's most famous mountain town. Guests of The Little Nell – a Relais & Châteaux – enjoy a cosmopolitan yet intimate ambience, haute cuisine, and exclusive adventures and amenities designed to rejuvenate the mind, body and spirit. A leader in the food and wine world, element 47 at The Little Nell has been

recognized by Wine Spectator with The Grand Award since 1995, Wine Enthusiast as one of America's 100 Best Wine Restaurants since 2011, Forbes with a Five-Star rating since 2015, and the James Beard Foundation for its "Outstanding Wine Program." Counting a record number of ten in total, more Master Sommeliers have been on staff than at any other establishment in the country.

The registration fee of \$2,500 for The Little Nell Wine Academy covers the cost of the course, comprising two full-days and two half-days of presentations; a comprehensive workbook; exceptional wine, beer and spirits from all over the world; and all meals and activities. There will also be many interactive opportunities for learning and networking, as well as experiencing all that the luxurious Little Nell offers. Accommodation is additional to the registration fee. Preferred room rates for the three-night course are available at \$350 per night, single or double occupancy. Pre- and post-stays are also available at the same rate, based on availability.

To reserve your place or for additional information, please contact Melina Glavas, Senior Events Manager: mglavas@thelittlenell.com or 970.920.6322.

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, Executive Sous-Chef Keith Theodore, Patrick Dunn as Chef de Cuisine of element 47, J.D. Baldridge as Chef de Cuisine of Ajax Tavern. 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 since 2015.

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