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Nina Wemyss is a distinguished wine historian and entertaining raconteur. She has created cultural programs on wine and civilization and presented them to a wide variety of audiences throughout the United States and internationally. Her lively and informative performances explore the fascinating origins of wine, the rich relationship of wine and art in social history, the story of wine vessels from pottery to glass in ancient and modern cultures, winegrowing in California, Napa Valley wine history and grape-growing and winemaking as science and art. She infuses each presentation with delightful historical and literary anecdotes.

Nina has presented to prestigious audiences in a wonderful range of settings including: Smithsonian Institution, Art Institute of Chicago, New York Museum of Modern Art, Mellon Private Wealth Management, Stanford Graduate School of Business, Society of Medical Friends of Wine, Versace Villa, The Pacific-Union Club, Wine Press Club of Sydney and Yale University.

In 2003 Nina was the featured wine historian on the History Channel's "A Brief History of Wine." She served as wine auctioneer for several highly successful charity auctions.

Nina has created and edited two books: *Soul of the Vine: Wine in Literature* and *Robert Mondavi Oral Histories, Volume I*. In 2007 she co-founded Kylix Press and produced letterpress *Autobiography of a Vine*, a book in miniature.

Raised on the North Shore of Long Island, Nina holds a B.A. in Literature from Manhattanville College and an M.A. in Education from Boston University. After a career in education, she studied art, history, wine and cooking in Paris for three years and completed the program in European decorative arts at Sotheby's in London, where she lived before moving to California.

In Napa Valley Nina spent seventeen years as Wine Historian, Lecturer and Cultural Ambassador for Robert Mondavi Winery. She created and maintained the wine history programs, library, wine antiques collection and Robert Mondavi family archives, and organized exclusive tastings. Then, for seven years, Nina was Wine Historian and Cultural Attaché for H. William Harlan at Harlan Estate and The Napa Valley Reserve. The creation of the foremost winery library in the United States is one of her outstanding achievements.

Presently, she is focusing on her wine, art and history events, travelling widely, educating and entertaining, and conducting VIP programs for the Darioush estate.

