Inventory of the Dorothy and André Tchelistcheff Collection D-654

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Physical Description: 9.4 linear feet
Date (inclusive): 1937-2018
Date (bulk): 1970-2001
Abstract: Scrapbooks, photograph albums, clippings, awards, memorabilia, and papers curated by Dorothy Tchelistcheff, wife of André Tchelistcheff. The bulk of the collection documents winemaker André Tchelistcheff's life and work from 1967-1994, especially his work with Beaulieu Vineyards, and memorial events in his honor from 1994 to 2001. The collection also includes a small amount of material related to André Tchelistcheff's early education and arrival in the United States.

Researchers should contact Archives and Special Collections to request collections, as many are stored offsite.

Biography
Winemaker André Tchelistcheff (1901-1994), known as "the dean of wine" and "the Maestro", studied agriculture in Czechoslovakia at the University of Brno and later studied viticulture and enology at the Pasteur Institute and the Institut National Agronomique in Paris. He came to California in 1938 at the invitation of Georges de Latour, owner of Beaulieu Vineyard, who was seeking a winemaker who could bring European methods to his winery. During his time at Beaulieu, Tchelistcheff introduced the now standard practices of fermenting white wines in a cold room and using malolactic fermentation as an essential part of making red wines. Tchelistcheff remained at Beaulieu until his retirement in 1973, after which he worked as a consulting enologist for many winemakers and wineries, including Robert Mondavi, Louis M. Martini, Franciscan Vineyards, Firestone, Jordan, and Buena Vista in California, and Chateau Ste. Michelle in Washington. Following retirement, Tchelistcheff also conducted a series of tours for winemakers through Wine Tours International, the first of which coincided with the famous 1976 Paris Tasting. In 1991, Tchelistcheff returned to Beaulieu as a consultant and worked there until his death in 1994.

1986 Wine Spectator Distinguished Service Award
1990 Wine Man of the Year, Wine Industry Technical Symposium
2000 Reader's Choice Award, The Person Who Has Done the Most to Advance Wine Quality, Wine Spectator
2004 COPIA Lifetime Achievement Award
March 2007 Vintners Hall of Fame (Culinary Institute of America)

Sources:

Scope and Contents
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Processing Information
Processed by Liz Phillips with help from student assistant Aditi Sinha.

Access
Collection is open for research.

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Biographical Materials 1937-2018

Scope and Contents
Includes information on André Tchelistcheff’s early education and arrival in the United States; biographical sketches; interviews; and publications related to his work and study.

Box 1, Folder 1
Timeline of Early Life 2007
Scope and Contents
Compiled by Dorothy Tchelistcheff

Box 1, Folder 2
Immigration to United States 1937-1938
Scope and Contents
Letters of recommendation and petitions for immigration.

Box 1, Folder 3
"Going to Mass": Account of Hunting Trip Written by Victor Tchelistcheff (André Tchelistcheff’s father) undated

Box 1, Folder 4
Transcript of Interview with Margrit Biever and Regional Oral History Office Release Form 1980 1994
Scope and Contents
Interview and release form appear to be unrelated.

Box 1, Folder 5
Interviews and Cover Articles 1990-1992

Box 1, Folder 6
Biography from TheWineStalker.net: "Heroes of Wine -- André Tchelistcheff, 1901-1904" November 12, 2017
Scope and Contents
Annotated by Dorothy Tchelistcheff

Box 1, Folder 7
Letters of Commendation 1967 1979
Scope and Contents
Letter from James A. Cook to Otto Gramlow (Beaulieu Vineyards) and letter from Consul Général-Adjoint awarding Ordre du Mérite Agricole

Box 1, Folder 8
Disbursement from Estate of Mme. Helene de Pins, President of Beaulieu Vineyard 1982
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<th>Box 1, Folder 9</th>
<th>Wine Tours International Brochure: Darrell Corti's Wines, Foods, and the Arts of Italy 1979</th>
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<td>Four Seasons Cliff Hotel: Tchelistcheff and Blue, &quot;The Great Taste Off&quot; 13 February 1984</td>
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<td>André Tchelistcheff's wine rankings</td>
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<td>Notes on evolution of Cabernet Sauvignon at Inglenook-Napa Valley and observations on California vintage characteristics from 1936-1973</td>
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<td>Box 1, Folder 12</td>
<td>Articles: Work at Beaulieu Vineyard 1979-2004</td>
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<td>&quot;&quot;Twas the month before Christmas and all through the winery...&quot; Hand-lettered Poem undated</td>
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<td>Condolences on André Tchelistcheff Death 7 April 1994</td>
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<td>A Tribute to André Tchelistcheff -- Beaulieu Vineyard 1 December 2001</td>
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<td>Includes menu, tasting notes, and brief biography</td>
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<td>William Behrends: Sculpture of André Tchelistcheff 2002</td>
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<td>Images of sculpture and program for unveiling event at Beaulieu Vineyards</td>
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<td>Article: &quot;Andre, The Voice of Wine&quot; 30 March 2018</td>
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<td>[Paper on Large Birds: Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, etc., V. A. Tchelistcheff] undated</td>
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<td>California Wine Greats: Pioneers in Building the Wine Industry of California, The Wine Spectator California Scholarship Foundation 1984</td>
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<td>The 1989 Grand Collection of Rare California Wines 1989</td>
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<td>Beaulieu Vineyard, a Retrospective, 1936-1974 1984</td>
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<td>Tasting notes</td>
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<td>University of Agriculture, Brno: History of the University 1993</td>
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<td>University of Agriculture, Brno, 1919-1994: 75th Jubilee Yearbook 1994</td>
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Scope and Contents
Includes presentation copies of awards and commendations and commemorative plaques.

Box 3
American Society of Enologists Merit Award in the Industrial Category 27 June 1970
Scope and Contents
"In recognition and grateful appreciation for over 30 years of outstanding service to the wine and grape industry"
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Brass plaque mounted on wood

Box 5
Ordre du Mérite Agricole 12 September 1979
Scope and Contents
"Le Ministre de l'Agriculture, par arrêté en date du 12 septembre 1979 a nommé Monsieur André Tchelistcheff Officier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole."
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Framed certificate

object 1
Society of Wine Educators Honors André Tchelistcheff, the Winemakers’ Winemaker 1983
Scope and Contents
"From Russia with love, a comet aimed at California, with a significant stop in Washington state. He has influenced more American wines and wineries than any other person with his unique brilliance."
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Brass plaque mounted on wood

Box 3
The Wine Spectator Annual Distinguished Service Award 3 November 1986
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Brass plaque mounted on wood

object 2
Dedication Plaque from Chateau Ste. Michelle 1986
Scope and Contents
"Through his vision and commitment, Chateau Ste. Michelle has emerged as one of the world's premier wineries. To André we dedicate our finest Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard, which he has nurtured for decades, and this tasting room, where millions enjoy the fruits of his labor. Harvest 1986"
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Heavy bronze plaque framed by wood

Box 4
State of California Senate Rules Committee Resolution in Commendation of Napa Valley Vintners Association’s Naming André Tchelistcheff one of its “Living Legends” 3 April 1987
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Framed certificate

Box 5
California State Senate Resolution Congratulating André Tchelistcheff on his 90th Birthday 19 November 1991
Box 4
California Legislature Assembly Resolution Congratulating André Tchelistcheff on His 90th Birthday 2 December 1991
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Framed certificate
Photographs and Scrapbooks 1967-2002

Scope and Contents
Photographs and scrapbooks documenting André Tchelistcheff's life and work from 1967-1994, especially his work with Beaulieu Vineyards, and memorial events in his honor from 1994 to 2002.

Box 12

Box 7
Scrapbook: Beaulieu Vineyard; American Society of Enologists June 1969-August 1973

Box 2
Photo Album: Tastings, Friends, and Family 1972-1973
Scope and Contents
Album includes many home photographs of Christmas celebrations

Box 6, Folder 1
Chapitre des vins d'Arbois - 150ème anniversaire de la naissance de Louis Pasteur 19 May 1973
Physical Description: 2 photographic prints

Box 6, Folder 22
[Robert Lawrence Balzer?] with André Tchelistcheff 23 September 1975
Scope and Contents
Photograph by Robert Lawrence Balzer

Box 8, Box 9
Scrapbooks: 1976 Paris Tour and Tasting 1976

Box 1, Folder 29
Photograph: André Tchelistcheff and Unidentified Man with Pipe, Sonoma Wine Tasting September 1978
Scope and Contents
Item found loose inside "André's 50th Vintage" photograph album

Box 1, Folder 24

Box 1, Folder 23
Loose Scrapbook Page: Signed Menu, Diner pour André Tchelistcheff, Restaurant Au Comestible, Bordeaux 30 May 1979
Scope and Contents
Dinner given by Schieffelin & Co., New York

Box 6, Folder 2
René LaCasia and André Tchelistcheff November 1979
Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 1, Folder 21
Loose Scrapbook Pages: Clippings from Australian Publications 1979-1980

Box 6, Folder 3
Wine Judges: 1st Annual Harvest Festival Fair 1970s
Physical Description: 1 photographic print
Scope and Contents
Clockwise from lower left corner: André Tchelistcheff, Dan Rowan, Ruth Ellen Church, Bill Traverso, A. D. Webb, Alexis Bespaloff, H. W. Berg, Frank J. Prial, Burgess Meredith

Box 1, Folder 22

Box 1, Folder 26
André Tchelistcheff with Novelty Hat and Cigar 1980
Physical Description: 1 photographic print
Scope and Contents
Item found loose inside "André's 50th Vintage" photograph album. Back of photograph reads "Jordan party".

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Box 6, Folder 4  Los Vineros (André Tchelistcheff sniffing wine) August 1982
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 6, Folder 5  Mr. and Mrs. René Fournier with André Tchelistcheff 1986
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 10  Scrapbook: Beaulieu Vineyard, Château Ste. Michelle; White House 1984-1993
Box 1, Folder 30  Photo Album: André’s 50th Vintage 27 August 1987
Box 1, Folder 28  Large Fish on Hook 1987
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print
    Scope and Contents
    Item found loose inside "André's 50th Vintage" photograph album

Box 6, Folder 21  John Ruden and André Tchelistcheff 1980s?
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 6, Folder 23  André Tchelistcheff with Joe Heitz 18 November 1989
Box 6, Folder 27  André Tchelistcheff in Garden with Marco Cappelli March 1990
Box 6, Folder 25  Georgi Tushmalishvili April 1990
Box 6, Folder 26  Georgi Tushmalishvili and André Tchelistcheff April 1990
Box 6, Folder 6  Emma and Gustave Landmann 1990
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 6, Folder 7  Photo Album: Mr. & Mme. Gérard Potel in Napa County circa 1990
Box 6, Folder 8  Dorothy Tchelistcheff (Card from The Gables, Corvallis, Oregon) 1991
Box 11  Scrapbook: Return to Beaulieu Vineyard, 90th Birthday 1991-1993
Box 6, Folder 9  André Tchelistcheff at Table with Commemorative Boot 1990s
    Physical Description: 2 photographic prints

Box 6, Folder 10  André Tchelistcheff Holding up Two Potatoes 1990s
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 6, Folder 11  André Tchelistcheff in Vineyard 1990s
    Physical Description: 2 photographic prints

Box 6, Folder 12  Dorothy and André Tchelistcheff 1990s
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 6, Folder 28  Dorothy Tchelistcheff, André Tchelistcheff, and Ann Ovodow (niece) 1990s
Box 6, Folder 24  André Tchelistcheff with Alexander Gullitzin (Quilceda Creek Winery) and Alexandra
    Gollitzin (Alexander's mother) 1990s?
Box 1, Folder 20  Photo album: A Tribute to André Tchelistcheff -- Beaulieu Vineyard 1 December 2001
Box 13  Photo Album: Sculpture Unveiling Event at Beaulieu Vineyard 2002
Box 6, Folder 13  Dorothy Tchelistcheff Sipping Wine 2000s
    Physical Description: 1 photographic print

Box 3  Framed Photograph: André Tchelistcheff Holding Freshly Caught Fish undated
Box 1, Folder 25  Loose Scrapbook Pages: Photographs of André Tchelistcheff Room, Bern's Steak
    House, Tampa, Florida undated
Box 1, Folder 27  Woman in Sari Walking on Beach undated
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<td>Box 6, Folder 18</td>
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<td>Box 6, Folder 19</td>
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<td>Box 6, Folder 20</td>
<td>André Tchelistcheff Standing Next to Very Large Painting undated</td>
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