
Inventory of the Dorothy and André Tchelistcheff Collection D-654

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Title: Dorothy and André Tchelistcheff Collection

Creator: Tchelistcheff, Dorothy E.

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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:

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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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Subjects and Indexing Terms

Wine and wine making

Wine industry -- History

Tchelistcheff, André, 1901-

Beaulieu Vineyard (Calif.) -- History

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

Box 1, Folder 9	<p>Wine Tours International Brochure: Darrell Corti's Wines, Foods, and the Arts of Italy 1979</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Tour dates: October 4-20, 1979</p>
Box 1, Folder 10	<p>Four Seasons Clift Hotel: Tchelistcheff and Blue, "The Great Taste Off" 13 February 1984</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>André Tchelistcheff's wine rankings</p>
Box 1, Folder 11 Box 1, Folder 12	<p>Letter Opposing Expansion of Alexander Valley AVA Appellation September 28, 1984</p> <p>Tasting Notes and Vintage Notes 1975 1985</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Notes on evolution of Cabernet Sauvignon at Inglenook-Napa Valley and observations on California vintage characteristics from 1936-1973</p>
Box 1, Folder 13 Box 5	<p>Articles: Work at Beaulieu Vineyard 1979-2004</p> <p>"'Twas the month before Christmas and all through the winery..." Hand-lettered Poem undated</p>
Box 1, Folder 14 Box 5	<p>Condolences on André Tchelistcheff's Death 7 April 1994</p> <p>Clippings Memorializing André Tchelistcheff April 1994</p>
Box 1, Folder 15	<p>Commemorative Articles from Russian Publications 1994</p>
Box 1, Folder 16	<p>Legacy in the Wine World 1994-2013</p>
Box 1, Folder 17	<p>Articles: Legacy in Washington State 2014-2018</p>
Box 1, Folder 18	<p>A Tribute to André Tchelistcheff -- Beaulieu Vineyard 1 December 2001</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Includes menu, tasting notes, and brief biography</p>
Box 1, Folder 19	<p>William Behrends: Sculpture of André Tchelistcheff 2002</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Images of sculpture and program for unveiling event at Beaulieu Vineyards</p>
Box 5 Box 2, Folder 1	<p>Article: "Andre, The Voice of Wine" 30 March 2018</p> <p>[Paper on Large Birds: Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, etc., V. A. Tchelistcheff] undated</p> <p>Language of Material: Russian</p>
Box 2, Folder 2	<p><i>California Wine Greats: Pioneers in Building the Wine Industry of California, The Wine Spectator California Scholarship Foundation 1984</i></p>
Box 2, Folder 3	<p><i>California Wine Pioneers: Profiles of the State's Wine Industry Leaders, The Wine Spectator California Scholarship Foundation 1987</i></p>
Box 2, Folder 4	<p><i>California Wine Pioneers: Profiles of the State's Wine Industry Leaders, The Wine Spectator California Scholarship Foundation 1988</i></p>
Box 2, Folder 5	<p>The 1989 Grand Collection of Rare California Wines 1989</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Monterey Wine Festival Auction benefiting the André Tchelistcheff Scholarship Fund, Christie's of New York, Auctioneers</p>
Box 2, Folder 6	<p>Beaulieu Vineyard, a Retrospective, 1936-1974 1984</p> <p>Scope and Contents</p> <p>Tasting notes</p>
Box 2, Folder 7	<p>University of Agriculture, Brno: History of the University 1993</p>
Box 2, Folder 8	<p>University of Agriculture, Brno, 1919-1994: 75th Jubilee Yearbook 1994</p>

Awards and Commendations 1970-1991

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
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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 **Scrapbook: Napa County, Anti-Defamation League, Memorial Tributes 1968-2002 1992-1994**
- 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 **Chapître des vins d'Arbois - 150ème anniversaire de la naissance de Louis Pasteur 19 May 1973**
Physical Description: 2 photographic prints
- Box 8, Box 9
Box 1, Folder 29 **Scrapbooks: 1976 Paris Tour and Tasting 1976**
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 **Loose Scrapbook Page: Photographs of Marzipan and Paper Maché Models, Demel Bakery, Vienna 1979**
- 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
Box 6, Folder 3 **Loose Scrapbook Pages: Clippings from Australian Publications 1979-1980**
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 **Loose Scrapbook Page: Signed Menu, Wine Press Club of Victoria at Jean Jacques, Seafood of France 12 March 1980**
- 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".
- 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 Box 1, Folder 30 Box 1, Folder 28	Scrapbook: Beaulieu Vineyard, Château Ste. Michelle; White House 1984-1993 Photo Album: André's 50th Vintage 27 August 1987 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 6	Emma and Gustave Landmann 1990 Physical Description: 1 photographic print
Box 6, Folder 7 Box 6, Folder 8 Box 11 Box 6, Folder 9	Photo Album: Mr. & Mme. Gérard Potel in Napa County circa 1990 Dorothy Tchelistcheff (Card from The Gables, Corvallis, Oregon) 1991 Scrapbook: Return to Beaulieu Vineyard, 90th Birthday 1991-1993 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 1, Folder 20 Box 13 Box 6, Folder 13	Photo album: A Tribute to André Tchelistcheff -- Beaulieu Vineyard 1 December 2001 Photo Album: Sculpture Unveiling Event at Beaulieu Vineyard 2002 Dorothy Tchelistcheff Sipping Wine 2000s Physical Description: 1 photographic print
Box 3 Box 1, Folder 25	Framed Photograph: André Tchelistcheff Holding Freshly Caught Fish undated 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 Physical Description: 1 photographic print Scope and Contents Item found loose inside "André's 50th Vintage" photograph album
Box 6, Folder 14	André Tchelistcheff at Podium undated Physical Description: 1 photographic print
Box 6, Folder 15	André and Dorothy Tchelistcheff with Groups at the Wine Train undated Physical Description: 3 photographic prints
Box 6, Folder 16	André Tchelistcheff Posing in Tuxedo undated Physical Description: 1 photographic print

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| Box 6, Folder 17 | Dorothy Tchelistcheff Posing in Long Dress undated
Physical Description: 1 photographic print |
| Box 6, Folder 18 | Dorothy Tchelistcheff, Robert Mondavi, André Tchelistcheff, and Margrit Bieber Mondavi undated
Physical Description: 1 photographic print |
| Box 6, Folder 19 | André Tchelistcheff Dyeing Easter Eggs undated
Physical Description: 1 photographic print |
| Box 6, Folder 20 | André Tchelistcheff Standing Next to Very Large Painting undated
Physical Description: 1 photographic print |