

Interview with Pascaline Lepeltier, MS

NYWGF: When was the moment you fell in love with wine/wine industry?

PL: When I was lucky to taste 1937 Yquem at the end of an internship in a famous Parisian catering company. I signed on to go to a sommelier school shortly after. I was 25.

NYWGF: What's your best experience/event since you've been part of the industry?

PL: I can't count all the fantastic experiences I was lucky to have and share... If I have to pick one, maybe when eight of my friends' vignerons gave me a barrel as a wedding gift and filled it each with some wine. It was such a special wine, and an incredible gift!

NYWGF: What's the one wine you can't live without?

PL: Some great Chenin (Blanc) from my home region, the Loire Valley!

NYWGF: What do you think is going to be the next big wine trend?

PL: Hopefully way more organically and biodynamically farmed wines!!

NYWGF: What would your "words of wisdom" be to someone who wants to have fun/learn more about wine?

PL: Visit vineyards and meet the winemakers. This is where everything happens, and you will learn a ton. Open yourself to other cultures, in beautiful places. So...take a trip to the Finger Lakes 😊!

