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“Grape Wars: The Conflict Between Quantity and Quality in the History of Argentine Wine”

A Talk and Tasting of Historic Argentine Wines by

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In the present day, Argentine wines elicit enthusiastic praise from experts as well as from the wine-consuming public. But from the early stages of the industry's growth at the end of the nineteenth century through the 1980s, good wine was hardly the norm. Dr. Stein will identify the key factors that historically inhibited the production of quality wines and explain the changes that propelled Argentina to finally realize its enormous potential.

Steve Stein is a Professor of History and Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Miami. The author of six books on 20th century Peruvian history, he is presently engaged in an extensive, multi-faceted project on the history of the Argentine wine industry. His edited volume, with Ana María Mateu, *El vino y sus revoluciones: Una antología histórica sobre el desarrollo de la industria vitivinícola argentina* (Mendoza 2008), is the first comprehensive treatment of the industry from its 19th century origins to the present. Dr. Stein is also Director of Wine Education and teaches wine classes at the Societá Dante Alighieri of Miami and works with the Miami International Wine Fair.

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