

Élyse Lambert

Spokesperson for 9th Montréal Wine and Spirits Show

Élyse Lambert, who will represent Canada in the Best Sommelier of the World Competition in Chile this coming April, expressed evident delight in accepting to serve as spokesperson for the 2010 edition of the Montréal Wine and Spirits Show. This exceedingly skilled sommelier could not resist the honour of sharing her knowledge and passion with the general public despite the pressure of demanding preparations for her upcoming international competition.

For me, the Show unquestionably elicits the same sense of enthusiasm from one edition to the next! It indeed provides us all with an exceptional opportunity to explore the world of wine in depth, to sample exclusive vintages, and to meet with growers and producers.

Boasting a blend of experience and determination, Élyse consistently seeks to stretch the limits of the art of sommelier. Crowned the Best Sommelier of Québec in 2004 and third in Canada in 2006, Ms Lambert won the Competition for Best Sommelier of the Americas held in Buenos Aires in the spring of 2009.

A graduate of the Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec (ITHQ), Élyse completed her training in wine stewardship in 1999 at École hôtelière des Laurentides in Sainte-Adèle. She currently practises her art at Le Local restaurant in Old Montréal, after having worked in a number of prestige establishments which include Hovey Manor, Auberge Hatley and XO restaurant at Montréal's Hôtel Le St-James.

Ms Lambert nourishes her passion with abundant travel to vine-growing and wine-producing regions of Canada, the United States, South America, (Chile and Argentina), Europe (France, Italy, Spain and Portugal), Australia and New Zealand.