

Join Our Odyssey!

Lucie Morton and Stéphan Balay invite grape and wine enthusiasts, professional and amateur, to support the production of *Odyssey of Forbidden Wines – Exile and rebirth of historic American grapes*

Grapevines first travelled the world by ship following the interests and curiosities of adventurers, immigrants and botanists. In particular, European colonization in North America brought about an intermingling of cultures and exchange of plants that both devastated and resurrected the world's vineyards.

When ampelographer Lucie Morton discovers that her own family history is intertwined with that of a vanished French-American grape, her quest to bring it back to Virginia takes her to historic and faraway places.

To capture the drama through the grapevines themselves, Lucie and Stéphan have filmed in France, the United States, the Portuguese Islands and Brazil, where these lost grapes do more than survive-they thrive.

Lucie brings us face to face with multi-generational immigrant winegrowers impacted by hostile politics and discriminatory governance in the business of wine. Both human and vine resilience underlie the story.

This film highlights a select group of 19th century American-born hybrid grapes that were saved by adoption in other countries after being driven from home by Prohibition. Like Odysseus, the journeys taken by these vines show a rusticity to pestilence and harsh weather that will make their homecoming all the more celebrated.

Watch the trailer on www.odysseyforbiddenwines.com



Sponsorship Opportunities

Depending on level of sponsorship we offer opportunities for recognition in the website, teaser, opening and end movie credits.

Additionally, Lucie and Stephan may be available to participate in screenings at local venues and in conference settings.

Contributors will promptly receive a VOD code to watch *Vitis Prohibita: resistant grapes coming out of the shadows* and later a VOD code to watch *Odyssey of Forbidden Wines* upon release.

They support the movie :

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OTHER COUNTRIES

Ernest & Marlis Looser (Switzerland)

We welcome donations of any size.
All donations will be used to offset the costs of film production and promotion.

Donation Information:

- Via check to Grape Sleuth LLC at PO Box 5607, Charlottesville, VA 22905 USA
- Via Paypal at www.odysseyforbiddenwines.com/donate or scan this QR code
- For other transfer options, please contact grapesleuth@gmail.com

