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Margrit Mondavi at Bo Innovation

The wife of the late great winemaker Robert Mondavi talks wine, art, dining with Harry Belafonte and why extreme cuisine is right up her alley. Plus: see how chefs Alvin Leung and Jeff Mosher created a dinner to remember

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On her first trip to Hong Kong since the passing of her husband, the late great winemaker Robert Mondavi, Margrit Biever Mondavi came to town for an unconventional wine pairing dinner: Mondavi wines and food with the extreme Chinese cuisine of Alvin Leung of Bo Innovation.

Mondavi, who also serves as vice president of the Robert Mondavi Winery's Cultural Affairs, brought Mondavi winery chef Jeff Mosher to create delectable Californian dishes to alternate with Leung's innovative cuisine. The result? A sumptuous and diverse menu complemented by the superlative Mondavi wines: from their renowned Fume Blanc Reserve, To Kalon Vineyard, 2007 to the rich Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve, Napa Valley, 2006. We head over to Bo Innovation to see not only how Leung and Mosher worked hand-in-hand to create a unique dinner, whipping up creations like yak and mac, a unique combination of cheung fun, yak cheese and black truffle and lam served with roasted root vegetables, kalamati olive jus, gremolata in a cabernet sauvignon reduction.

We also had a tête-à-tête Margrit Mondavi, the driving force behind an arts and culinary programme in Napa Valley that now serves as benchmarks for the wine world. Among them, The American Centre for Wine, Food and the Arts, the internationally respected culinary series the Great Chefs of America, and the notable Summer Music Festival (where renowned musicians like Harry Belafonte and Ella Fitzgerald have headlined). What's the relationship between wine, art and music, we ask? Find out in our video.

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