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A Champagne Wine Family's California Dream Makes An Unfathomable Dream Come True For An American Woman

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There are certain wines that send a spark up one's spine with an intense thrill that is all encompassing - that kind of 'epiphany wine' can range in style and place of origin as it is different for each person. For Remi Cohen it was the Comtes de Champagne - tête de cuvee (top wine) for Taittinger Champagne. She had collected various vintages of this exquisite Champagne and they were some of her most precious wines that would only be opened for really special occasions. But the idea that she would be a part of the great legacy of the Champagne winemaking world, let alone become an integral part of the wine that reached her heart and soul, was something that she could never imagine.

Remi ended up becoming the CEO of Domaine Carneros starting on August 3rd of 2020, the first day of harvest, and Eileen was kept on for a while as a consultant so she could make sure that Remi, as well as the winemakers, sparkling winemaker Zak Miller and Pinot Noir winemaker TJ Evans, were securely on track to continue the Taittinger family vision of making elegant, food friendly wines that were kept to a high standard.

"It has exceeded my expectations," noted Remi in regards to working at Domaine Carneros as not only did she already know how great the wines were but learning that Eileen worked with Taittinger in Champagne to develop the best yeast to create the fine bubbles for the second fermentation, as well as keeping the minimum aging on lees after the second fermentation that is in line with Champagne regulation and her push to eventually make all the sparkling wines from 100% estate fruit really took Remi's appreciation of Domaine Carneros to the next level.

