

2025 NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S SHOWCASE WINE EVALUATORS



Doris Miculan Bradley

**MSomm Europe, OIV International Wine Judge, Professor
Toronto, Canada**

Doris Miculan Bradley is an award-winning educator and industry consultant with over three decades of experience in hospitality operations, education, and leadership. She has also studied master's level courses at the European Wine Academy, earning their associate degree Master Sommelier and Consultant certification. As a professor at George Brown

College's School of Hospitality & Tourism Management, Doris has dedicated her career to shaping the next generation of hospitality professionals, bringing real-world expertise and a passion for experiential learning into the classroom. Doris has held leadership roles in some of Canada's top hospitality establishments, including Toronto's landmark CN Tower. Her commitment to excellence and innovation has earned her recognition as a trailblazer in hospitality education, with a focus on wine, spirits, and hospitality-tourism management. Beyond the classroom, Doris is a sought-after speaker and mentor, known for her engaging teaching style and deep industry knowledge. She has contributed to numerous advisory boards, academic journals and initiatives that bridge the gap between industry needs and academic programming. Doris's work emphasizes sustainability, local sourcing, and the future of hospitality, preparing students and professionals to thrive in an ever-evolving global landscape.



François Côté

**Port Master, Sommelier-Conseil, OIV International Wine Judge
Quebec, Canada**

François is an esteemed expert in the field of wine, with a profound passion for sharing his knowledge. A native of Québec, Canada, he is bilingual, speaking both French and English fluently. He holds a master's degree in applied sciences and a bachelor's degree in computer engineering from Université de Sherbrooke in Canada. François ranked fourth in Canada at

the prestigious IVDP Master of Port competition. Additionally, he graduated third in his class with a Sommelier-Conseil from the Université du Vin de Suze-la-Rousse in southern France. In his free time, François contributes as a freelance writer for various wine publications. He also teaches for the Sommelier Association of Quebec, having obtained his Canadian wine judge certification in 2015. Moreover, François serves as the Deputy Technical Director for Sélections Mondiales des vins du Canada and acts as a judge for OIV and international wine competitions globally.



Corey Garner

Winemaker, The Federalist Winery

Napa California

Growing up in the Silicon Valley, Corey's journey into winemaking began unexpectedly, diverging from a trajectory towards medicine. During a trip to a winery in Temecula, California, as part of an economic botany class, her perspective shifted. Witnessing the intricate fusion of science and winemaking ignited a newfound interest. This revelation led her to eventually return to Wine Country after college, where she found work at the Marimar Estate tasting room in the Russian River Valley, reigniting her love for wine. Corey's career trajectory solidified as she immersed herself in the world of winemaking. Starting as a lab technician at Ferrari-Carano Vineyards in Sonoma County, she honed her skills in the wine lab, eventually transitioning to Frank Family Vineyards in Napa Valley. There, she quickly climbed the ranks from enologist to assistant winemaker, focusing on scientific education. As The Federalist's winemaker, Corey spearheads small-batch, boutique production that blends innovation with classic techniques to bring the boldest and brightest flavors to your table.



Vanessa Hoffman

Winemaker, Knapp Winery

Finger Lakes, New York

Vanessa grew up in Silicon Valley, a short distance from Napa and Sonoma, where she became fascinated by the romantic idea of growing wine grapes since she was eight years old. As a young adult who knew nothing about wine, she shifted focus in college at UC, Berkeley, where she majored in Neurobiology. After college, she decided to work a harvest in the laboratory as a lark before applying for medical school. Her first harvest was in 2009 at Ridge at Lytton Springs in Healdsburg, California, and was so inspired that she never left the industry. Since then, she has worked in wineries in California, New Zealand, Australia, and Italy. Vanessa was the enologist at Groth Vineyards & Winery in Napa for several years, before joining the Duckhorn Portfolio as an assistant winemaker with Decoy. In 2020, she earned her master's degree in Viticulture & Enology in Italy. When not making wine, she enjoys cooking, embroidery, and swimming with her dog named Hammie.



Bob Madill

**WSET3, OIV International Wine Judge, CWJM, Wine Educator
Finger Lakes, New York**

Bob co-founded Sheldrake Point Winery, Finger Lakes, NY in 1997 and was Winegrower & GM for 12+ years. He was on Kindred Fare's opening team, Geneva NY in late 2015 and served as Wine Director for several years.

Bob is a Board Member of the New York Wine & Grape Foundation and is Chair of the Promotions Committee. Bob represents Tonnellerie Bossuet in

the Finger Lakes, New York and Niagara, Ontario. He is the Head Judge for the Finger Lakes International Wine & Spirits Competition and the Eastern States Exposition Big E and judges annually at international wine competitions in Canada, the United States and Europe. Bob's certifications include WSET 3, Certified Sommelier (CS) through the Court of Master Sommeliers, and American Wine Society's Certified Wine Judge with Merit (CWJM), where he also serves as a National Wine Educator. For 15+ years Bob has provided Educational Wine Tours for industry professionals to classic European wine regions.



Aaron Mandel, Esq.

**dipWSET, CSW, Graduate AWS and International wine judge
St. Louis, MO**

Aaron balanced his full-time career as an attorney while studying for his Master of Wine certification for five years. A task that had to be put on hold as Aaron made a move with his legal practice. Aaron received his diploma from the Wine and Spirits Education Trust (WSET) in 2015 and is also a Certified WSET wine educator. In addition, he is a Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW) through the Society of Wine Educators and tutored students

testing through the Court of Master Sommeliers (CMS). He served as the Director of Education for America's largest consumer-based wine education organization, the American Wine Society (AWS) from 2015 to 2022, and is responsible for making AWS an official WSET program provider during his tenure. In addition, Aaron served as Chairman of the Wine Judge Certification Program with AWS for eight years. Aaron judges for some of the most prestigious international competitions in the world and teaches wine education for the Mid-American School of Wine.



Edward Miller

Winemaker, Glenora Vineyards

Finger Lakes, NY

After graduating from the University of Virginia, Edward moved to Ithaca to get involved in the wine industry and caught the bug. His career began at Lucas Vineyards on Cayuga Lake. During his time at Lucas, he completed the UC Davis Winemaking Certificate program as well. Edward left Lucas in the Spring of 2012 to travel and work in different wine regions. Over the next two years, he worked harvest in Sonoma, Napa, New Zealand, and Western Australia. Settling down in Sonoma as a cellar master in a custom crush operation, Edward had the opportunity to learn from over 20 different winemaker clients. It was through this position that he was introduced to renowned winemaker Merry Edwards and joined her team as assistant winemaker. Edward left Merry Edwards to obtain a master's degree in Viticulture & Enology from Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Piacenza, Italy, experiencing the regions of Tuscany and Chianti Classico. Edward had never forgotten his time in the Finger Lakes, and decided he wanted to return to be a part of its continued growth and development. He joins the Glenora team with excitement for the region and a passion to make beautiful wine.

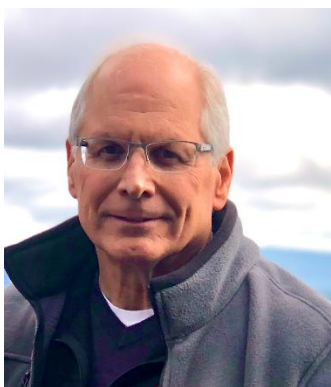


Martin Moran MW

Master of Wine, Journalist, International Wine Judge, Educator

Dublin, Ireland

Martin has been involved with wine since 1982, working in almost every aspect of the industry, from grapes to glass. This includes time spent in wineries in England, France, and Australia, eight years with Diageo Ireland, several years teaching WSET courses, 15 years discussing wine on radio and four on TV, and nearly 30 years writing about wine. He initially wrote for a decade in Food and Wine magazine, then The Evening Herald, and since 2012 in the Sunday Times (Irish Edition). Additionally, he created and wrote several editions of a guide to buying wine in Ireland called Wine Republic. Along the way, he passed the Master of Wine exam in 1994 and has been shortlisted for a Glenfiddich award as well as for a Louis Roederer award as columnist of the year and for the World Food Media Awards' Best Drinks Writer. He has judged at London's International Wine Challenge for over 30 years, serving as a senior judge, super juror, faults arbiter, and as a panel chair for 14 years. He has also judged prestigious wine competitions in South Africa and Australia, including serving as an international judge at the National Wine Show in Canberra and the Royal Melbourne Show.



Kevin Ostrowski

**WSET3, CSW, CWJM, Champagne Master, AWS Director of Education
Beaver, Pennsylvania**

Kevin, a retired teacher and nuclear power executive, is the acting Director of Education for the American Wine Society (AWS). He is an AWS Certified Wine Judge with Merit II (CWJM), an instructor in their Wine Judge Certification Program, and the Chapter Chair of the AWS Beaver County Chapter. Kevin holds WSET3 (with Merit), is a Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW), and has a Champagne Master Level Certificate from the Wine Scholar Guild (WSG). He belongs to the Wine Century Club and is PA RAMP Certified. He judges wine for Amateur and International Competitions across America and is also an award-winning amateur winemaker. Kevin teaches wine classes for residential and commercial clients, as well as Butler County Community College in Pennsylvania. Residing in Beaver, PA, Kevin and his wife Cheryl stay busy with family, cooking, gardening, traveling, and spending time with their 6-year-old grandson. "It's the people you're with that make every glass of wine memorable."



Michele Padberg

**Certified Adv. Sommelier, OIV International Wine Judge, AWE, CWW
Co-owner Vivac Winery
Dixon, New Mexico**

Michele has over 23 years of experience as a wine professional. She co-owns a boutique winery in New Mexico, handling branding, marketing, distribution, and content creation. Her innovative blogs and editorials earned her recognition from London's prestigious organizations, leading to membership in the Association of Wine Educators (AWE) and the Circle of Wine Writers (CWW). Michele conducts wine education seminars and public speaking engagements across Europe and the United States. She contributed to the e-book "The New Normal in the Wine World" and is an ambassador for the Heroic Viticulture movement. She holds a Certified Advanced Sommelier certification from the International Wine Guild, has undertaken Master Sommelier Intensives, received the SommCon Merit Scholarship in 2023, and is WSET Sake level one certified. Michele also judges for prestigious international wine competitions, holding OIV international wine judging status.



Daniele Raspini

Sommelier, OIV International Wine Judge

Florence, Italy

Daniele is an Italian Advanced Sommelier with extensive experience, being born and raised around the Tuscan hills of Chianti. His professional studies began with prestigious master courses at the Università di Bologna and the SDA Bocconi School of Management in Milano, as well as completing his studies at Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna in Pisa. In addition, Daniele completed three levels of his Italian Sommelier Certification from Il Santuccio in Florence

in 2009 and achieved an additional two advanced Sommelier Certifications shortly thereafter. He found his true calling serving as an International and OIV juror. Additionally, Daniele holds multiple juror certificates from competitions such as the Asia Wine Trophy and la Selezione del Sindaco. His wine judging experience includes many prestigious global competitions. Daniele is also certified as an olive oil master and conducts masterclasses on this subject in Asia and Italy. In his spare time, he has an additional passion for foraging rare and exotic mushrooms.



Marie Cheong -Thong

WSET Educator, Wine, Sake and Spirits Expert, OIV International Wine Judge

London England

Marie has extensive experience and qualifications. She is a certified educator for WSET Global School, Sake School of America, the International Sake School, VSF Wine School and 67 Pall Mall. She writes for World Whiskey and More magazine, Glass of Bubbly (online), as well as ghost writing, blogging, and freelance journalism. Marie has presented globally on drinks and food,

and serves as an Ambassador for ADI International Spirits, the Baijiu Academy and Cheng International. Additionally, she is the Chairman of the Board for the British Sake Association and Baijiu Association, and a Council member for the Association of Wine Educators and on the Committee of the Guild of Food Writers. Marie is a Sake Samurai, Rectifier of the GinGuild and Mousquetaire d'Armagnac. She travels the world as an OIV and VINO FED International Wine Judge and enjoys flyfishing, as well as exploring different cultures, food, and drinks in her free time.

About KdV Wine Services, LLC

Sharyn Kervyn de Volkaersbeke dipWSET, CSW, CWJM, Sommelier, International OIV Wine Judge

Terroir New Jersey has appointed Sharyn Kervyn de Volkaersbeke, owner of KdV Wine Services, to manage the Terroir New Jersey Wine Showcase. This decision was made based on her extensive expertise, reputation and credentials, which are well aligned with our mission, thereby ensuring that the goals will be met and surpassed.

Sharyn holds a diploma with honors from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust, is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Society of Wine Educators, and Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers. She is also an International OIV and American Wine Society (AWS) Certified Wine Judge with Merit, presiding over competitions in America and Europe annually, including London's International Wine Challenge, where she was promoted from Associate to Judge in her first year, a distinction seldom bestowed.

Sharyn opened the Getty Center Museum in Los Angeles as catering director and held positions as wine director and general manager in California, Philadelphia, and New Jersey. Her achievements have garnered media coverage in LA Confidential, Los Angeles Times, and E Television. Additionally, she lectures and conducts wine seminars for various organizations across America and London and serves on the national wine education committee for AWS.

In her spare time, she teaches wine education courses she developed for AWS, Rutgers University, and Camden County College (WineLogic Advanced is now a CWP Certification Course). Her notable credentials and extensive experience earned her an invitation to SommCon Rhône Master's immersion camp, membership in London's esteemed Association of Wine Educators (AWE), and annual 'Best of' Wine Spectator Awards during her 15-year tenure as the Wine Director for The Capital Grille.

Please refer to the website link below for a more complete list of competitions and additional information:

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