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CELEBRATION
of Wine & the
Women
Behind the Bottles



Born and raised in Texas, Kristy is now the winemaker for one of the oldest and most historic wineries in the Napa Valley, Freemark Abbey.

Try the Freemark Abbey Cabernet Sauvignon alongside a grilled rib eye or fillet mignon or the Freemark Abbey Sauvignon Blanc paired with crab cakes, roast chicken or green vegetables like asparagus or zucchini.

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LINI 910

LINI 910: SINCE 1910, FOUR GENERATIONS, ONE PASSION.

Alicia Lini is the 4th-generation to lead the historic Lini 910 winery in Emilia-Romagna where her family has been producing top-quality Lambrusco for more than 100 years. Never one to follow trends or fads, Lini 910 has always focused on cutting-edge winemaking techniques as the key to producing its award-winning wines. The estate's highly-rated Lambruscos, including its bottle-fermented Lambrusco Metodo Classico, are widely considered sparkling wine benchmarks. "My passion is my family and our quest to share great Lambrusco with the world," says Alicia, the first woman to serve as the estate's ambassador in the U.S. She is also the proud mother of three beautiful daughters: "They represent the fifth generation of our family of winemakers."



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ALISON RODRIGUEZ

*Lead winemaker for Hess Maverick Ranch Wines
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- Alison Rodriguez

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THESE WOMEN BEHIND THE WINE



**GEORGETTA DANE,
CHLOE WINEMAKER**

Born and raised in Romania and bestowed the title of 2012 Best Woman Winemaker by the International Women's Wine Competition, Georgetta sources grapes from the world's preeminent growing regions and marries her old-world European roots with a contemporary American lifestyle coaxing the fullest expression out of the grapes. This dedication to the grapes allows for each of Chloe's wines to blossom into a well-balanced luxurious product.

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**JESSICA TOMEI,
CUPCAKE WINEMAKER**

A third-generation Californian and graduate from University of California, Davis, one of the most respected universities for the study of wine making, with a BS in Viticulture & Enology. Jessica has completed nearly 20 harvest in some of the world's finest wine regions. Jessica brings out the truest grape expression for each varietal, letting the vineyard shine through to create rich, creamy and delectable wines.

Cupcake
VINEYARDS



**JAMIE BENZIGER,
IMAGERY WINEMAKER**

Growing up between her family's two Sonoma Wineries and mentored by her Father, Joe Benziger, it's no surprise that Jamie Benziger is blazing her own trail in the wine industry. As a second-generation winemaker at Imagery, Jamie was not only named the 2019 Best Woman Winemaker in the International Women's Wine Competition, she was also included on Wine Enthusiast list of 40 under 40 Tastemakers.

IMAGERY.

"We are selling not just wine, but a way of life. It's about something slower, calmer, more in touch with family."

Cristina Mariani-May
Family Proprietor and CEO



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BANFI

Meet Cristina Mariani-May

Representing the 3rd generation of family leadership, Cristina Mariani-May is the CEO and president of Banfi, a global wine brand that includes the internationally renowned Castello Banfi vineyard estate in Montalcino, Tuscany, US importer Banfi, and Northwest wine specialist Pacific Rim & Company.



Recognized as a Luxury Woman to Watch 2021, and previously named Woman of the Year by Drinks Business International, Cristina leads Banfi with a focus on affordable luxury and an emphasis on sustainability. Mariani-May is also credited with turning Castello Banfi into an international name in wine tourism.

Castello Banfi – Il Borgo, a 14-room luxury hotel nestled alongside the estate's medieval castle walls is a Relais and Chateaux property. Together, with Michelin starred restaurant Sala dei Grappoli, the Castello Banfi estate is a beacon of luxury and Tuscan hospitality.



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A Celebration of Wine & THE WOMEN BEHIND THE BOTTLES

In honor of Women's History Month, join us in celebrating all the trailblazing women that paved the path before us, walk alongside us today, and are creating a better future for all.

Today, women are increasingly visible as leaders in every aspect of the wine industry. We are so pleased and honored to celebrate these remarkable women behind the bottles in hopes to inspire women of all backgrounds to explore the vast career opportunities from ground to glass.

Are you inspired to enter or advance in the wine industry? Women of the Vine & Spirits Foundation scholarship applications are open until June 30! Apply today at womenofthevine.com/foundation.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

March 8, 2021 - Let's Make History

Join us on March 8th for the Women of the Vine & Spirits "Raise Your Glass for Equality" Virtual Toast in honor of International Women's Day! Free Event - Open to the public.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We'd like to recognize the following Corporate Members of Women of the Vine & Spirits with leading women behind their brands:



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DID YOU KNOW?

- 🍷 57% of wine drinkers and 71% of wine purchasers in America are female.
- 🍷 "Veuve" is French for Widow. At 27, Madame Clicquot, widow of Francois Clicquot, took over the family business after Francois' death and expanded Veuve Clicquot throughout the world.
- 🍷 Gretchen Glasscock planted the first commercial vinifera vineyard in Texas, the Glasscock Vineyards at Blue Mountain. The vineyard officially opened in April of 1977.
- 🍷 Of 4,200+ bonded wineries in California alone, only 14% of them report a woman as their lead winemaker. This is up from 5% in 1975.
- 🍷 Sarah Morphew Stephen was the first woman to earn the prestigious Master of Wine title in 1970.
- 🍷 Charlotte Kramer Sachs is credited as being the early inventor of the "The Modern Wine Cellar." In 1966, she came up with a storage device that kept wine at the appropriate temperature.
- 🍷 Madeline Triffon was the first American woman to earn the prestigious Master Sommelier title in 1987.
- 🍷 Robin and Andrea McBride, Founders of the McBride Sisters Collection, are the first African-American sister duo to found and establish a wine company.

About Women of the Vine & Spirits

Women of the Vine & Spirits is the leading membership organization, worldwide, dedicated to boldly pushing the wine, beer and spirits industry toward a more diverse, equitable and inclusive era that empowers all to succeed.

Our members connect through our global network and collaborate across all industry sectors. We provide our members with benefits that include education, training, mentorship, and networking as well as tools, services and resources toward DE&I, and personal and business development. For more information, please visit womenofthevine.com.

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"Wine is an experience, and I want it to be special. I want people to feel as excited as I am."

Emmolo



Emmolo takes its name from my maternal side of the family, who came to Napa Valley in the 1920s and later started a grapevine rootstock nursery that supplied many of the region's growers. My mother has no brothers and started Emmolo to keep the family name alive. She always encouraged me to be a go-getter, and I was fortunate to learn about farming and winemaking the best way I can imagine – by getting my hands dirty.

I grew up chasing my older brothers through the vineyard and am the seventh generation to live in Napa Valley. My father and his parents founded Caymus Vineyards in 1972, and I got involved in the business literally from the ground up, working with the vineyard and winemaking teams.



Jeany Hayes
Owner & winemaker

I took over the Emmolo label in 2011 and have strived to put my own mark on both Emmolo Sauvignon Blanc and Merlot. I think it's really important to have a strong point of view, and my goal is to make wines that are different than people typically expect. If I hear about someone enjoying Emmolo, it just makes my day.



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Women Behind the Wine is working to close the gap by not only celebrating this generation of women in the wine industry but also empowering the next. We're highlighting some of today's female industry leaders and sharing their stories as we strive to empower those who will soon follow in their footsteps. When you support one of the participating brands, you not only support each of these featured women, but you fuel dreams for years to come by supporting the Women Behind the Wine scholarship program.

WILLIAM HILL:
AROMAS OF GREEN APPLE, PINK GRAPEFRUIT, AND APRICOT CREATING HINTS OF VANILLA BEAN, CARAMEL AND HONEY.



WILLIAM HILL
ESTATE WINERY

CHRISTINE BENZ
QUALITY ANALYST

Throughout her career, Christine has supported quality assurance across various functions including analytical labs, microbiology labs, winemaking and bottling lines in Washington, the Central Coast of California, Napa and Sonoma. As the Senior Quality Manager, Christine directly supports all winemaking and bottling activities to ensure top quality.

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J CA PINOT NOIR:

NOTES OF BLACK CHERRY, BLUEBERRY AND BLACKBERRY JAM. HINTS OF LAVENDER, FRESHLY GROUND COFFEE BEANS AND CLOVE.

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NICOLE HITCHCOCK
WINEMAKER

Nicole Hitchcock has been J's head winemaker since 2015. She is one of the few winemakers in the world with in-depth knowledge of producing both Traditional Method sparkling and high-quality still wines. She received her degree in Enology and Viticulture from UC Davis and has spent time working harvests across California, Western Australia, and Umbria, Italy. Leveraging these experiences, she's been able to balance Old World Techniques with New World Styles.

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