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WELCOME NEW ALUMNI



A message to the class of 2022/23

Dear WSET graduate,

Many congratulations on achieving your WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits! It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to WSET's alumni community. You are now a member of a prestigious group of over 13,000 diploma graduates from across the globe. Your journey with WSET continues long after graduation. As a member of the alumni community, you will have exclusive access to special offers and discounts, virtual and in-person events, volunteer opportunities and much more. Here are the ways in which you can stay connected with WSET and your fellow alumni:

- **Global Campus:** after graduation your login to Global Campus will remain valid but you will now be able to access a range of resources by clicking on the Alumni tiles.
- **Newsletter:** after you graduate you will automatically receive regular alumni updates.
- **Events:** keep up-to-date with upcoming events by visiting the wsetglobal.com events page.
- **Update us and keep in touch:** Make sure we have your most up-to-date information so we can keep in touch and support your future journey in the world of drinks – whether personal or professional.

Contact us at alumni@wsetglobal.com with any questions. We'd love to hear about your WSET journey – sharing your experience plays an important part in supporting future students!

Once again, our sincere congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Ami Wilkinson

Head of Events and Partnerships



Join our WSET Diploma graduate groups and use [#WSETalumni](https://twitter.com/WSETalumni) to share your news and achievements.

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WSET at a glance

 **143,000**
candidates in 2022/23
academic year

 **75+**
countries

 **12**
WSET qualifications

 **15**
languages offered

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WELCOME FROM MICHELLE BRAMPTON, CEO, WSET



Huge congratulations to our graduates from the class of 2022/23! I'm delighted to welcome you to this year's WSET Graduation - a celebration of the outstanding achievements of students from around the world who have successfully achieved their WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits.

This year we welcome graduates from 20 countries. You are now part of our growing alumni community and have the opportunity to connect with more than 13,000 graduates across the world. This community will shape the future of our industry and inspire the next generation of students.

WSET sits at the heart of the global drinks industry, and we are committed to using our influence to create positive impact. This includes developing initiatives with our partners to make drinks education accessible and affordable, helping to create a more diverse, inclusive and sustainable global drinks industry.

We look forward to keeping in touch with you after graduation. There are many different ways you can stay connected with WSET wherever you are, through webinars, speed networking or in-person events. You may also be interested to know that we have just launched our Level 1 and Level 2 Awards in Beer and our Level 2 Award in Sake.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors and partners for all their support in helping us to create positive change, fulfilling our purpose of 'empowering people through inspiring learning experiences all over the world'.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MBrampton".

Michelle Brampton

Special thanks to our drinks sponsors

Moët Hennessy
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WSET'S HONORARY PRESIDENT, DR LAURA CATENA

Dr Laura Catena is WSET's Honorary President, a role we announced at our graduation ceremony last year. A former physician of Emergency Medicine for over 25 years in San Francisco and a fourth-generation Argentinian vintner, Laura is Managing Director of Catena Zapata, one of the oldest family wineries in Argentina, awarded 'World's Best Vineyard' in 2023.

Laura has been called "the face of Argentine wine" for her active role in studying and promoting the Mendoza wine region and Argentine Malbec. In 1995, she founded the Catena Institute of Wine, dedicated to preserving Malbec via industry-leading research and academic study.

Dr Catena has authored three books about wine: *Vino Argentino*, *Gold in the Vineyards*, and *Malbec Mon Amour*. She received the Meininger Outstanding Achievement Award 2023 and was named Old Vine Hero 2023 by the Old Vine Conference, as well as Drinks Business Woman of the Year 2022. An Executive Leadership Board Member at the University of California, Davis Department of Viticulture and Enology, she is also a board member of the Fulbright Commission in Argentina.



Special thanks to our alumni gift bag sponsors



PARTNERSHIPS

The WSET Partnerships programme provides a compelling opportunity for businesses to support the work of the drinks industry's largest education provider to improve access to drinks education for individuals globally.

We are passionate about creating a diverse and inclusive global drinks industry, and with the support of our 49 partners we are working to create positive social impact through purposeful projects. By partnering with WSET, you are helping us to improve access to drinks education for individuals and communities facing challenges and hardship. As a WSET Partner you can help your own organisation to meet its goals, support staff, build customer trust and reach new audiences.

Contact our Partnerships team at partnerships@wsetglobal.com to find out more.

WHY SUPPORT WSET?



IMPACT

Make a demonstrable impact on the lives of people around the world whilst supporting your organisation's CSR goals.



OPPORTUNITIES

Help us to make drinks education globally accessible and affordable.



BENEFITS

Our partners receive a range of discounts, recognition and brand collaboration opportunities.

HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US MAKE A DIFFERENCE



SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS

WSET-led activity in the UK, EMEA, Americas and APAC.



REGIONAL COLLABORATIONS

Working with charities and organisations to support local communities.



STUDENT BURSARIES

Supporting individuals facing financial hardship.



WSET students at the Pinotage Youth Development Academy (PYDA), based in Stellenbosch, South Africa's Western Cape.

OUR PARTNERS

WSET would like to thank all partners for their ongoing support.

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DIPLOMA GRADUATES

The following students successfully completed the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines or Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits in the 2022/23 academic year. They join the ranks of over 13,000 graduates worldwide who can be recognised by the post-nominal DipWSET.

American Wine School

Chicago, USA

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Christel Gaillard
Erika Godsey
Robert Guenther
David Kusz
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Denise Pond
Sherry Seston
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Walter Giomi
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Benjamin Taylor
Andrew Woodland
Kathleen Young
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Caplan Wine Academy

Tokyo, Japan

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Torstein Sorteberg

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Ying Hu
Yuting Hu
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Hao Li
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Shan Pei
Anastasiia Poliakova
Qiong Sha
Baogui Weng
Dan Xie
Dongyuan Xu
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WSET OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

The Outstanding Alumni Award, presented annually in partnership with JancisRobinson.com, celebrates the achievements of WSET's global alumni community. This year, alumni were invited to nominate their winner by shining a spotlight on the inspiring work of Diploma graduates around the world.

The 2023 award recognises an exceptional contribution to creating positive change within the global drinks community.



2023 Winner

Sonal C Holland MW, DipWSET



Sonal is India's first and, as yet, only Master of Wine; a coveted title she pursued straight after completing her WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits at WSET School London. For the past 17 years, she has been at the forefront of revolutionising wine culture in India. She pioneered wine education in the sub-continent, making this affordable and accessible for more people, through her namesake approved programme provider Sonal Holland Wine Academy.

Sonal consults international wine companies on how to enter and succeed in the Indian wine market through her work in consumer and trade research, marketing, communications and events. She founded India Wine Awards in 2017, an authoritative ranking of the best domestic and international wines available in the country. She is a wine consultant for her country's flag airline carrier, Air India, and also co-organises the Vinexpo Mumbai wine and spirits exhibition.

An award-winning broadcaster, Sonal has demonstrated her vast knowledge and thought leadership to garner over half a million loyal followers, making her among the most popular wine personalities in the world. Sonal remains hugely passionate about drawing global attention to her country's young and fast-developing market, ensuring that India has a voice in the global wine industry.

Previous Winners

- 2016** Isabelle Legeron DipWSET, France and UK
- 2017** Sarah Jane Evans MW, DipWSET UK
- 2018** Caro Maurer MW, DipWSET Germany
- 2019** Ferran Centelles DipWSET, Spain
- 2021** Ferdinand Mayr DipWSET, Austria
- 2022** Alexandra Schrecengost DipWSET, USA



PRIZES

Prizes are awarded annually to recognise those candidates who have achieved outstanding marks in their WSET exams. They are made possible by the generous support of our valued sponsors and partners.

Level 3 Award in Spirits



The Worshipful Company of Distillers

Worshipful Company of Distillers' Americas Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



Timothy Powers
WSET School, USA



Delamain
COGNAC

Delamain Cognac Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies in spirits or a study trip of their choice.



Kin Chung Philip Wong
WSET School, Hong Kong



The Incorporation of Coopers of Glasgow Earl of Forfar Scholarship

A study visit to a cooperage and a whisky blending session in Glasgow is awarded to a student from the UK.



Nathan Shearer
WSET School London, UK



The Worshipful Company of Distillers

Worshipful Company of Distillers' EMEA Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to study a spirit producing region.



Laurent Cuvier
WiSP, France

Level 3 Award in Sake



IWC Sake Prize

The top student globally will be invited to join the world's elite sake judges to judge sake with the International Wine Challenge.



Chung Wai Chan
Corvino, Hong Kong

Prizes are awarded each academic year (1st August to 31st July) and students who achieve outstanding results may be eligible. Prize winners will be contacted by WSET after the end of each academic year.

Level 3 Award in Wines

VINS DE
BORDEAUX



Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux Prize

A place on a three day intensive education trip visiting some of the vineyards and wineries of Bordeaux, and attending a course at the Bordeaux Ecole du Vin as a guest of the Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux (CIVB), is awarded to a student from the UK.



Filip Szczypinski
Northern Wine School,
UK

Decanter

Decanter Prizes

A student from the APAC and Americas regions will receive a study bursary for use towards WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines fees.



Chi Yuen Tso
HKU School of
Professional &
Continuing Education,
Hong Kong



Victoria Carey
Fine Vintage, USA



The Rhône Trophy

A silver trophy is presented to a student from the EMEA region. The winner also receives a case of Rhône wines, selected by Hallgarten and Novum Wines.



Jan Wrampelmeyer
Van Belle Academy,
The Netherlands

Level 4 Diploma in Wines

↓ D1 Wine Production



Comité Champagne Prize

A study trip to Champagne is awarded to an EMEA student.



Sergio Moreira
Esprits-des-Vins, France

D1

VIÑA CONCHA Y TORO
— FAMILY OF WINERIES —

Concha y Toro Sustainability Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to use towards further studies in wine or a study trip of their choice.



Frederico Casassa
Napa Valley Wine
Academy, USA

D1

M&S

EST. 1884

M&S Yves Fourcade Prize

A UK student is sponsored on a one-week viticulture or vinification course at Plumpton College.



Taryn Wilkins
WSET School London,
UK

D1



THE VINTNERS' COMPANY

Patrick Sandeman Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners to study a wine producing region.



Joey Siu
New Zealand School of
Wines and Spirits, New
Zealand

↓ D2 Global Business

D2



WSET Prize - Americas

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to use towards a study trip or further wine studies.



Filippo Marsala
Independent Wine
Education Guild,
Canada

D2



Bibendum Prize

A five-day work-experience with Bibendum's buying team is awarded to a UK student who is looking to start a career in the wine & spirit trade.



Michaela Lamb
WSET School London,
UK

D2



THE VINTNERS' COMPANY

Marcia Waters Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners to study a wine producing region.



Anthony Justice
Sydney Wine Academy,
Australia

D2



Consorzio Franciacorta Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary to put towards a trip to Franciacorta, Italy.



Mahir Sencan
WiSP, France

↓ D3 Wines of the World (Tasting)

D3



Casa Ferreirinha Prize

A study trip to Portugal and in-depth experience of the Douro wines by its pioneer and most iconic brand is awarded to a UK student.



Jonathan Tiffany
WSET School London,
UK

D3 (Tasting)



Gérard Basset Memorial Prize and McNie Tasting Trophy

An Americas student is awarded a trophy and will receive a bursary to study a wine producing region.



David Nied
Grape Experience, USA

D3 (Tasting)



Rioja Wine Academy Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a fully paid participation in Rioja Camp, a new immersive educational experience in Rioja, organized by Rioja Wine Academy.



Nine Brousse
WiSP, France

D3 (Tasting)



WSET Prize - Asia Pacific

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to use towards a study trip or further wine studies.



Ambrose Lau
AWSEC Hong Kong

↓ D3 Wines of the World (Theory)

D3 (Theory)



Consorzio Bolgheri e Bolgheri Sassicaia Prize

A study trip to Italy to visit DOC Bolgheri e DOC Bolgheri Sassicaia in Tuscany is awarded to an Americas student.



Benjamin Taylor
Capital Wine School,
USA

D3 (Theory)



Wines of Great Britain Prize

A study bursary, a case of award winning English and Welsh wines, and a package of events are awarded to an UK student.



Athanasios Samaras
WSET School
London, UK

D3 (Theory)



Louis Jadot Burgundy Prize

A study trip to Burgundy and a magnum of Louis Jadot wine are awarded to an EMEA student.



Tsz Kit Chan
Weinakademie
Oesterreich GmbH,
Austria

D3 (Theory)



Royal Tokaji Prize

A bursary is awarded to an APAC student to study a wine producing region.



Meng Zhang
Dragon Phoenix, China

↓ D4 Sparkling wines

D4



John Avery Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners to study a wine producing region.



Lisa Guenther
Sydney Wine Academy,
Australia

D4



Liberty Wines Prize

A trip to the Veneto with the Liberty Wines team to attend the VinItaly trade show, visit several of their outstanding producers in the region, and attend special evening events is awarded to a UK student.



Elise Ziwei Liu
WSET School London,
UK

D4



Moët & Chandon Prize

A study trip to Champagne as a guest of Maison Moët & Chandon is awarded to an EMEA student.



Martin Bronkhorst
WineWise,
The Netherlands

D4



Coravin Sparkling Prize

An Americas student is awarded a Coravin sparkling device.



Shaoyang Ning
Napa Valley Wine
Academy, USA

↓ D5 Fortified wines

D5



Graham's Port Prize

An APAC student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



Tinyu Chan
AWSEC Hong Kong

D5



Lustau Sherry Trophy

A trophy and a study trip to Jerez as a guest of Emilio Lustau SA is awarded to a UK student.



James Eatwell
WSET School London,
UK

D5



Sandeman Port Prize

A trip to Portugal during the harvest is awarded to an Americas student.



Daniel Bender
Independent Wine Education Guild, Canada

D5



Taylor's Port Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a study strip to Taylor's, or a travel/education bursary.



Alexa Sanford
WISP, France

↓ D6

Independent Research Assignment

D6



Hardy's Vintage Prize

An EMEA student is awarded a bursary they can use towards further studies or a study trip of their choice.



Christina Butorina
Weinakademie Osterreich GmbH, Austria

D6



Michael Cox Vintners' Bursary

An APAC student is awarded a bursary from the Worshipful Company of Vintners to study a wine producing region.



Stephen Kushturian
Sydney Wine Academy, Australia

D6



Wines from Spain Prize

A UK student is awarded access to the Spanish Wine Specialist Certificate Online Course, with the opportunity to take part in a trip to Spain upon completion of the course.



Oscar Clark
WSET School London, UK

D6

Peter Hampson Memorial Prize

An Americas student is awarded a bursary to study a wine producing region.



Marcos Iglesias
Napa Valley Wine Academy, USA

WSET DEVELOP PRIZE



Alex Preston
Birmingham Wine School, UK



The WSET Develop Prize, presented in collaboration between WSET and The Drinks Trust, recognises a Develop student who has demonstrated their commitment to their educational progression within the drinks industry. As part of the prize, sponsored by Kingsland Drinks, the winner is invited to take part in a tour and tasting at the home of Salford Rum, Dirty Old Town Distillery, in Salford, Manchester, which includes an overnight stay in the city.

Graduate prizes

Best all round performers for 2022/2023



Derouet Jameson Award

The Derouet Jameson Memorial Foundation supports up to two students who work in the UK wine and spirit trade with funding for the Masters of Wine study course.



Rory O'Donnell
WSET School
London, UK



Sam Povey
WSET School
London, UK



Decanter Americas Scholarship

The Decanter Americas Scholarship is a study bursary awarded to the student from the Americas who achieved the highest overall mark in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Kimberly Pasquali
Grape Experience,
USA



International Wine & Spirit Competition Trophy

The IWSC Trophy and a bursary towards further wine studies is awarded to the student from EMEA who achieved the highest overall mark in the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Graham Cohen
The International Wine
Education Centre, South Africa



Penfolds Asia Pacific Scholarship

The Penfolds Asia Pacific Scholarship is a study bursary awarded to the student from the APAC region who achieved the highest overall mark in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Yawei Shen
ASC Fine Wines, China



THE VINTNERS' COMPANY

Vintners' UK Scholarship

The Vintners' UK Scholarship is a bursary to study a wine producing region awarded to the student from the UK who achieved the highest overall mark in the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines.



Claire Nesbitt
WSET School London, UK



THE VINTNERS' COMPANY

Vintners' Cup

The Vintners' Cup is presented to the student who achieved the highest overall mark across the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines.

The Worshipful Company of Vintners also presents the winner with an engraved decanter.



Che Chun Alex Tsui
Neptune School of Wine, USA

VINTNERS' CUP

The Vintners' Cup is awarded annually to the graduate achieving the highest aggregate mark across all units of the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines. The winner is awarded a silver trophy and an engraved decanter.

The Worshipful Company of Vintners is one of the City of London's Great Twelve Livery Companies, with a history rooted in the UK wine trade. They generously took over the sponsorship of this award in 2004. The award has been in existence since 1946.



The Worshipful Company of Vintners



Che Chun Alex Tsui

Neptune School of Wine, USA

2023 Winner

Alex is currently a PhD Researcher in Biochemistry at the University of Oxford and is studying how certain membrane channel proteins help human and plants to sense their surrounding environment. His WSET journey in wine education began in 2017 and Alex worked his way from the Level 2 Award in Wines to eventually embarking on the Level 4 Diploma in Wines with Neptune Wine School when he relocated from Oxford to California.

'I feel incredibly grateful that I have been awarded the 2023 Vintners' Cup, following in the footsteps of many accomplished individuals in the wine world. My success in the Level 4 Diploma in Wines has only propelled me to go further.'

Previous Winners

1946	Jack Gregory	1966	A. F. Crutchley	1986	Robin Woodhouse	2006	Claire Dawson
1947	C. F. Donovan	1967	Geoffrey Sydenham	1987	Philippa Woods	2007	Anne McHale & Nicola Grandorge
1948	John Surtees	1968	Michael Cliff	1988	Michael Holmes	2008	Catriona Felstead
1949	John Surtees	1969	Peter Clarke	1989	Ian McLaren	2009	Irene Bachkönig
1950	Geoffrey Butler	1970	Ian Bostock	1990	Jane Brocket	2010	Charlotte Edgcombe
1951	John Davies	1971	Anthony Gunn	1991	Lilyane Weston	2011	Emma Harrison
1952	J. E. Hall	1972	Anthony Hanson	1992	Susan Anderson	2012	Mei Hong
1953	P. Spurway	1973	Martyn Brown	1993	Patricia Stefanowicz	2013	Sarah Heller
1954	E. Arnold Tasker	1974	Tim Holland	1994	Rebecca Pinch	2014	Julie Frankland
1955	Gerald Asher	1975	Charles Crawford	1995	Sally Easton	2015	Jing Wei Sun
1956	Peter Crameri	1976	Penelope Mansell Jones	1996	Linda Jotham	2016	Jason Millar
1957	David Sommerfelt	1977	Richard Harvey	1997	Robert Harris	2017	Moritz Mueller
1958	Robin Don	1978	Jancis Robinson	1998	Chris Foss	2018	Joseph Hallam
1959	James Long	1979	John Burton	1999	Nancy Mittelmajer	2019	Timothy Clark
1960	Martin Bamford	1980	Richard Stewart	2000	Neil Beckett	2020	Mary Wright
1961	Geoffrey Smallwood	1981	Arabella Woodrow	2001	Katherine Richardson	2021	Jorge André Pais Vaz Nunes
1962	Robin Walters	1982	Diana Percival	2002	Sara Basra	2022	Felicity Cox
1963	Clive Waters	1983	Michael Schuster	2003	Sarah Ahmed		
1964	A. F. Crutchley	1984	Fiona Roberts	2004	Alexander Carr Taylor		
1965	Charles Hawkins	1985	Angela Bishop	2005	Richard Hamblin		

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