



SPOTLIGHT ON
WOMEN LEADERS
IN WINE & SPIRITS

Meet the amazing women producers behind these award-winning wines and spirits from across the globe, alongside quick reference facts to boost your knowledge this Women's History Month.



KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS

Winemaker, Markham

Kimberlee Nicholls is one of the first female winemakers in Napa Valley. For over three decades, Kimberlee has built a reputation for crafting iconic Napa Valley Merlot. Kimberlee is integral to Markham's story and has greatly contributed to the countless accolades of one of Napa Valley's great wineries.



MARKHAM Napa Valley Merlot

Napa Valley, California

92 Pts *James Suckling*

85% Merlot, 6% Petite Sirah,
4% Cab Sauv, 3% Syrah, 2% Malbec;
Aged 24 ½ months in oak; 31% new

HEATHER GREENE

CEO, Milam & Greene

Milam & Greene is led by award-winning whiskey expert Heather Greene. After judging, writing about, and working behind the scenes with whiskey for almost two decades, Greene has poured her tremendous experience into the Milam & Greene range, making it one of the most-talked about brands coming out of the pandemic era. In addition to architecting the range, Greene is also the CEO and Partner-making her a true pioneer in the industry.



MILAM & GREENE Triple Cask Bourbon

Texas

93 Pts *Wine Enthusiast*

70% Texas corn, 22% PNW malted rye,
8% Wyoming barley;
2 to 3-yr Texas bourbon, 3 to 4-yr Kentucky
whiskey, 10 to 11-yr Tennessee whiskey



DR. LAURA CATENA

Co-owner & Winemaker, Catena

Dr. Laura Catena is a Harvard and Stanford trained biologist and physician, founder of the Catena Institute of Wine in Argentina, and managing director of Bodega Catena Zapata (Est. 1902). Under Laura's leadership, Bodega Catena Zapata has reached new heights. The family winery earned six 100-point wine ratings, was voted most awarded winery in the world by VIVINO WINE STYLE AWARDS three years in a row and was chosen WORLD'S MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND by Drinks International in 2020.



CATENA Nicasia Malbec

Mendoza

97 Pts *Wine Advocate*

100% Malbec; Aged 24 months



GINA HENNEN

Winemaker, Adelsheim

Gina holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Reed College and an AAS in Winemaking from Chemeketa. Before transitioning to a career in winemaking, she worked as a semiconductor engineer for seven years in both Oregon and Dublin, Ireland. Desiring a career that no longer involved cubicles, she returned to Oregon in early 2006 to establish roots in the wine industry.



ADELSHEIM Staking Claim Chardonnay

Chehalem Mountains, Willamette Valley

93 Pts *Jancis Robinson*

100% Chardonnay; Aged 12 months in French oak, then 5 months in stainless steel



MASAKO FURUSAWA

Toji, Furusawa Distillery

Born on the distillery grounds, Ms. Furusawa has been surrounded by the sights, sounds, and smells of shochu making since birth. She became master brewer-distiller and president in 2007 after her father's passing. Deeply rooted in the family's history, Furusawa's shochu embodies generations of ritual and tradition, with all her products made by hand.



MASAKO Honkaku Shochu

Odotsu Village, Miyazaki Prefecture

93 Pts *Wine Enthusiast*

100% Barley; Aged 11+ years in clay pots and enamel tanks

MARIA CARELLA

Winemaker, Nicosia



Maria Carella has been the head oenologist at Cantine Nicosia since December 2008. Nicosia promotes the best wine growing areas in Sicily, focusing on the finest native grape varieties, and develops the best raw material through the careful selection of the grapes and the constant care on work in the cellar. In recent years, Cantine Nicosia has sought out and earned multiple eco-friendly certifications, including ones for organic viticulture, carbon neutrality, and energy efficiency.



NICOSIA Lenza di Munti Etna Rosso
Etna, Sicilia, Italy

93 Pts – *James Suckling*
80% nerello mascalese,
20% nerello cappuccio; Aged 20 years

SANDRA TAVARES DA SILVA

Co-owner & Winemaker, Wine & Soul



Sandra Tavares da Silva grew up in the Lisbon area where she trod grapes in her grandfather's winery in Alcochete, a past that explains her connection to this field. In 2001, Sandra married Jorge Serôdio Borges and together they embarked on their own winemaking venture, creating a new company—Wine & Soul—and launching the first Pintas. In 2020, she was distinguished as one of the most notable female winemakers in the world, the only Portuguese, by Jancis Robinson in the Financial Times.



WINE & SOUL Pintas
Douro DOC

97 Pts – *Wine Advocate*
Field Blend; Aged 22 months

HEIDI BRIDENHAGEN

Winemaker, MacRostie



Heidi Bridenhagen believes in the value of exploration and experimentation. Her inquisitiveness and background in biochemistry have earned her more than 400 scores of 90 Points or higher from major publications. Heidi has co-led one of Sonoma County's most diverse and acclaimed vineyard programs featuring more than 30 Chardonnay sites and 15 Pinot Noir Vineyards.



MACROSTIE Sonoma Coast Chard
Sonoma Coast, California

92 Pts – *Wine Spectator*
100% Chardonnay; 80% 6 months in
French oak, 12% new, 11% once-used



MÓNICA LEYVA

Owner & Co-founder, Pajarote

Mónica Leyva founded Pajarote in 2001 with her brother Rubén. Their hand-crafted Ponche-inspired liqueurs are made from authentic Mexican ingredients and traditions passed down by her grandmother, with the philosophy that gastronomic culture is often rooted in family tradition.



PAJAROTE Cordoval DIX Liqueur

Jalisco

"5 to Try: Mexican Amari" – Imbibe

Aromatic herbs & grapefruit peel maceration;
30% ABV



ADRIANNA CATENA

Co-owner, El Enemigo

In 2010, together with winemaker Alejandro Vigil, Adrianna founded El Enemigo, creating wines that speak to the obsessive nature of its owners and their commitment to artisanship and terroir. Adrianna holds an MPhil and PhD from the University of Oxford and has been awarded prestigious fellowships by the Clarendon Fund, Balliol College, and the Leverhulme Trust. Today, she blends her experience in Academia with her passion for Viticulture and Winemaking.



EL ENEMIGO Cabernet Franc

Mendoza

94 Pts – *Vinous*

92% Cabernet Franc, 8% Malbec;
Aged 16 months



ALEXANDRA PEREYRE & STÉPHANIE MENEUX DE NONANCOURT

Owners, Laurent-Perrier

Laurent-Perrier's success and longevity is inextricably linked to the history and efforts of many strong women who have been part of the House since its founding in 1812. Since the end of 2010, the House of Laurent-Perrier has been managed by Alexandra Pereyre and Stéphanie Meneux de Nonancourt, daughters of the emblematic Bernard de Nonancourt—enabling the continuity of the independent, family-owned house. Alexandra's eldest daughter Lucie Pereyre de Nonancourt joined in 2019 to represent Grand Siècle.



LAURENT-PERRIER Cuvée Rosé

Champagne

93 Pts – *Wine Spectator*

100% Grand Cru Pinot Noir;
Aged 5 years minimum

ANDREA LEÓN

Winemaker, Lapostolle

Andrea is Lapostolle's Winemaker and Technical Director. After receiving her enology degree from the University of Santiago, she worked in numerous wine regions in Europe, New Zealand, and the United States. She then returned to Chile, joining the Lapostolle team in 2005 as the on-site winemaker for Clos Apalta, which is considered one of the country's finest wines. She is now in charge of winemaking across the entire Lapostolle range and resides near the winery in the heart of Chile's Colchagua Valley.



LAPOSTOLLE Le Rose

Apalta Valley

92 Pts – *James Suckling*

44% Cinsault, 12% Syrah, 38% Grenache,
6% Mourvèdre; Aged 5 months

ABIGAIL HORSTMAN

Winemaker, TEXTBOOK

Abigail Horstman earned her Enology and Viticulture degrees from UC Davis. Abigail brings wine knowledge from her harvesting experiences in Italy, New Zealand, and Israel to influence the iconic "bold-yet-balanced" TEXTBOOK wines.



TEXTBOOK Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley, California

90 Pts – *Wine Spectator (2018 vtg)*

91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot;
Aged 14 months in French oak, 35% New

VERONIQUE TORCOLACCI

Winemaker, Fat Bastard

In 1991, Véronique Torcolacci obtained her degree in oenology from the University of Toulouse. She joined Gabriel Meffre as oenologist in charge of quality before becoming head winemaker. When crafting FAT bastard, the objective of Véronique and her team remains the same: never make the slightest compromise on quality. Thanks to her unique knowledge, she has obtained more than 100 medals, several 4- and 5-star ratings, and special mentions for her wines in all the major wine competitions and top wine magazines.



FAT BASTARD Cabernet Sauvignon

Languedoc-Roussillon

87 Pts – *Wine & Spirits*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon; Aged 6-8 months

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'Woman winemaker' was a label we had to wear all the time in this male-dominated industry. But we do need to continue talking about it and lifting each other up.

We are still blazing the trail.

KIMBERLEE NICHOLLS
MARKHAM VINEYARDS

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From **challenging** ideas come the **best** ideas.

What I like to challenge my team is ... I want to be making wine as a family winery and elevating Argentine wine for **another hundred years.**

DR. LAURA CATENA

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Furusawa Distillery is a distillery where women have been involved in the business since the end of WWII. At Furusawa Distillery, **it is natural for women to be part of the company.**

MASAKO FURUSAWA

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I want all wines to be the best they can be, and as a winemaker,

**I never give up.
I never stop trying**

—that is my approach to making great wine.

HEIDI BRIDENHAGEN
MACROSTIE WINERY

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In general, I think women are more aware of the environment and can **adapt quickly to changing conditions.** We tend to think in longer terms ... in a practical sense, that leads to making different wines.

ANDREA LEÓN
LAPOSTOLLE WINES

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