



Argentina Wine Awards 2010 - International Judges

Debra Meiburg MW

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Originally from California's Sonoma County, one of the state's major wine regions, Debra has always had a passion for wines. She has worked harvest in Chile, pruned vines in Bordeaux, worked as a cellar-hand in New York, and taught as a wine professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York. Finally, she embarked on a rigorous journey that would test her dedication to the field, but which would award her with the highest accolade in the wine profession, Master of Wine. Few successfully complete the courses, examinations, dissertations, and interviews required in the process, resulting in only 270 people in the world, and until recently, none in Asia, with the title.

Her hard work was well worth it, however, as she has become one of the most sought after wine experts in Asia. She currently writes a popular wine column for the South China Morning Post and is a contributing editor to the Asian Tatler Magazines. In 2007 she was voted "Most Influential Wine Journalist in Hong Kong" by 500 members of the wine trade. Debra regularly presents throughout the region to students which include Asia's finance ministers, cabinet members, and key business and political figures. She makes frequent television appearances and has travelled to more than 60 countries, visiting wineries in all the key wine districts of Europe, as well as the New World regions, such as Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Chile.

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