



Argentina Wine Awards 2010 - International Judges

Jo Ahearne MW

Nationality: **British**

Resident: **UK**

Year MW: **2008**



- Started in the wine trade with Oddbins in 1992 when it was a bit of a university of wine.
- Left in 1994 to travel for a year went to do vintage in Australia with Charles Melton in the Barossa.
- Continued to travel then came back to Australia to start a Wine Science Degree at Charles Sturt (the course started by Brian Croser in Wagga Wagga); the course was full time for 2 years and then part time so you could get experience.
- First 2 years did vintages at Pipers Brook and Baileys of Glenrowan.
- Then worked at Leasingham, Tintara and after as flying-winemaker for UK importer Ehrmanns in Spain.
- Came back as Assistant winemaker to Charles Melton for a couple of years.
- Then flying-winemaking in South West France.
- Back to Orlando in the Barossa before going off to Griffith in the Riverina to help rebuild their winery there to eventual capacity of 20 million litres.
- Left after 4 vintages to go to work in Fitou for a year.
- Then to Marks & Spencer responsible for Argentina, Chile, S/W France, Italy, Bordeaux, Burgundy, Loire and Hungary.
- Soon to change over to Italy, Spain, Australia and New Zealand.

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