

News release

Andrea Wirsching awarded „German Female Winemaker of the Year“

Andrea Wirsching, manager of the Hans Wirsching Wine Estate in Iphofen (Franconia), was awarded the title “female winemaker of the year”. Wolfgang Hubert, chief editor of the German food magazine “selection”, presented her the award at the world’s leading trade fair for wine “ProWein” recently.

The prize „female winemaker of the year” was awarded for the second time and Wolfgang Hubert is sure this award being an important honour for female wine growers. “Not only, because female wine makers still are exotics in the world of wine. Sometimes visitors ask them where their husband or father is, because they had more notion of wine.” This is not true for Andrea Wirsching. She leads the biggest family owned wine estate in Franconia in the 16th generation by now, and retains the estate in the squad of the most renowned German wine estates.

Indeed Wirsching had different plans after school – she studied history. “But I realized that I did not want to work in the field of sciences nor in the education system, but that I am into wine” Wirsching tells. After having served apprenticeships in different wine estates, she moved to a wine estate in the Saar region for love. “I learnt a lot there. Learning by doing: accounting, sales, cooking, export – and my husband taught me much about the work in the vineyards and in the cellar. Nowadays I benefit a lot from that experience.”

For the magazine “selection” a team of 60 jurors taste blind different wine categories over the year. The 5 best results of every wine estate are considered for the overall rating. That’s why the Wirsching wine estate was also awarded “Silvaner wine estate of the year”. Andrea Wirsching: “These awards reward the efforts of our whole team. We are very happy about it!”



Picture: Andrea Wirsching is proud of the award „female wine maker of the year“.
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