



## SOMMFOUNDATION AWARDS THE 2021 MASTER OF WINE SCHOLARSHIP TO IVONNE NILL

SommFoundation congratulates Ivonne Nill, recipient of the 2021 SommFoundation Master of Wine Scholarship. Ivonne was awarded \$3000 in general education scholarship funds to assist with expenses related to the Masters of Wine, Stage 2 Exam.

Ivonne Nill is a Public Relations Consultant and the Trade Liaison for Hispanics in Wine. In this role, she works to expand the Hispanics in Wine community through networking and developing new trade relationships. Mentoring and teaching are her passions. Her desire is to give back to the wine community by helping as many people as possible through education and mentorship.



*Ivonne Nill*

Ivonne is from Asunción, Paraguay. She spent many years in Research & Development at M&M/Mars, developing formulas for candy brands Snickers®, and Twix® before entering the wine business. Her previous positions in the wine industry include retail sales and education at Gary's Wine & Marketplace, a harvest internship at Domaine Plageoles in Gaillac, France, and sales & distribution at Winebow, Martin Scott.

She has judged wine at the International Wine & Spirits Competition, taught at the International Wine Center in New York City, and most recently, executed trade development programs for wine regions at Parallel 36 and Colangelo & Partners in New York. Her past clients include D.O. Cava, D.O. Vinos de Madrid, Wines of Spain, Ribera y Rueda, and Consorzio di Tutela Barolo Barbaresco Alba Langhe & Dogliani.

Today, besides her work with Hispanics in Wine and consulting, she is fully committed to preparing for the Master of Wine examination. She passed the Master of Wine Stage 1 assessment in 2019 and will sit the Master of Wine examination in 2022.

Ivonne speaks four languages (English, Spanish, German and French), holds a Hotel Administration degree from Swiss Hotel Management School, a degree in Food

Science from Virginia Tech, the CSW from the Society of Wine Educators, and the WSET Diploma. She lives in Maplewood, New Jersey with her husband. She relaxes by cooking, baking, and tending to her native flower garden.

This scholarship is sponsored by SommFoundation, SommFoundation's mission is to assist in the education and professional development of people working in the wine and spirits business. We help professionals develop their skills, knowledge, and competency through scholarships, mentorships and enrichment opportunities.

