



## **TASTING PANEL**

### **INTERNATIONAL WINE COMPETITION**

### **“2009 IBERWINE AWARDS”**

#### **Jaime Bermúdez** (*Spain*)

Agronomist, specialist in food and drink industries, by the Polytechnic University of Madrid, completed at the School of Agricultural Engineering.

Buyer, wine taster and wine selector since 1997 at the “Vinosselección” group.

Responsible for purchasing for the “Vinosselección” wine club.

Associate Professor of sensory analysis in the Superior Course of Sommeliers by the Chamber of Commerce of Madrid.

Responsible for purchasing, wine taster and wine selector for the wine club of “El País” newspaper.

Member of the bureau of tasting and sensory analysis, contributor and columnist of the following magazines:

-“Sobremesa”: national circulation magazine specialized in wines and gastronomy.

-“VS”: national circulation magazine specialized in wines and gastronomy.

-“Restauradores”: national circulation magazine specialized in wines.

Member of the Spanish Tasting Union (UEC).

Juror of many national and international wine competitions.

#### **Enrique Calduch** (*Spain*)

Wine critic for the “Expansión” newspaper and for its supplement, “Fuera de Serie”.

He regularly contributes with print media specialized in wine.

He was director of the radio program “Divinos Placeres” and of the television program “Los Mejores Vinos de España”, and is the author of nine books on wine and gastronomy.

#### **Luis García de la Navarra** (*Spain*)

Sommelier by the Chamber of Commerce of Madrid, he has been engaged in this trade since 1994 in the company “Aldaba”, where he has obtained several recognitions:

-Classified in 2nd place in the Sommeliers competition of Madrid.

-Best Sommelier: “La Mancha” D.O., “Canal Cocina” tv channel, “Metrópoli” magazine, “Madrid Fusión”, National Prize of Gastronomy.

Also:

-Member of the tasting committee of the “Guía Gourmet” publication for 7 years.

-Director of Tasting until 2009 of the “365 vinos al año” wine guide, “Vivir el vino” magazine and the “Guía Razonable” publication for wines priced under 12 €.

-President of the Madrid Association of Sommeliers since 2005.

#### **José Luis González Cledera** (*Spain*)

Agronomist, Master’s degree in Viticulture and enology.

Director of the Sensory Analysis Area of the Course of Sommeliers by the Business Training Institute of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Madrid; frequent speaker,

contributor to various publications, founder member of the Spanish Tasters Union (UEC) and former President of that Association.

For 30 he has served as Director of the Technical Department of the wine club "VinoSelección", being responsible for selecting all the wines of the Group, and sharing for the last 10 years the Deputy Management of it.

### **Paz Ivison** (*Spain*)

She has a long and illustrious professional career as a journalist; she has contributed and still does with several publications, such as "GQ", "Vogue", "Dinero", "Sibaritas", "Cocina Futuro"... and has edited numerous books on wine and gastronomy.

National Prize of Gastronomy.

He was deputy editor of the "Club de Gourmets" magazine.

### **Jimmy Lim** (*Indonesia*)

He was owner and manager of several restaurants in Germany, as well as of some hotels in Spain.

Promoter of Musicians.

He is currently a wine exporter of Spanish wines to South East Asia, professional wine taster, gastronomic consultant...

### **Manuel María López Alejandro** (*Spain*)

Winemaker, INEA Technical Engineer.

Founder member of the Spanish Tasters Union; he has written six books on enology and tasting, one of them obtained the "Gourmand 2007" prize.

Lecturer, writer, juror of many wine competitions ...

Secretary of the Montilla-Moriles D.O.; President of the "Aula del Vino" of Córdoba since 1997...

### **Margarita Lozano** (*Spain*)

She has been working in the wine World for two decades, and has become one of the women pioneers in this sector in Spain.

She founded the "AllWines" publishing house with "La Etiqueta" magazine and the official magazine of the Union of Spanish Sommeliers Associations, apart from other publications internationally orientated: yearbooks, guides and specialized magazines for wineries and high-end restaurants.

She later founded "WineSide", dedicated to the Organization of professional conferences, conventions, consulting...

She is member of national and international juries in the most prestigious wine competitions around the World.

She contribuyes with general and specialized publications worldwide; she is Professor of the Master's degree in Wine Businesses (Aliter), member of the International Federation of Wine Journalists and Writers (FIJEV) and of the Spanish Tasters Union (UEC).

### **José Ramón Martínez Peiró** (*Spain*)

Culinary journalist and writer. Director of the "Sobremesa" magazine between 1990 and 2007 and editor-coordinator of the Wine and Food section of the "Metrópoli" weekly magazine between 2008 and 2009. He currently contribuyes with the mentioned weekly

magazine and coordinates the edition of the Metrópoli guides “Comer en Madrid 2010” and “De Tiendas por Madrid 2010”. He also leads “Gustovino”, the supplement of the “El Pipiripao” newspaper. Co-author, together with Constantino Bértolo, of the book “Pescados y Mariscos” (“El País Aguilar”, Madrid, 1992). He obtained the National Prize of Gastronomy 2003 to the best work of journalism and the France Prize 1996 to the Gastronomy journalism.

#### **Juan Carlos Pajuelo** (*Spain*)

He has been an entrepreneur of catering and hotel companies for 23 years, running catering businesses in Madrid, Huelva and Mérida. He has been always personally leading the restaurants, the customer care, the staff, the suppliers...

Sommelier, educator and member of the sales department of the drinks group “Freixenet”, in Madrid.

Part of the organization of the last 5 editions of the “Bacchus” awards and of diverse national competitions.

Taster for the wine yearbook of “El País” newspaper and for the “Vino y Gastronomía” guide. Educator in sensory analysis for the Spanish Tasters Union.

#### **Kasia Romanska** (*Spain*)

Sommelier and No. 1 in the class of the Chamber of Commerce; director of “Bodegas Cyrano” (winery) and of “OroWines” (distribution company of Spanish wines, created by the famous wine importer Jorge Ordoñez).

#### **Mar Romero** (*Spain*)

She is a journalist specialized in wine and gastronomy, who directs and presents the program “Mesa y Descanso” in Punto Radio (Saturdays from 12 to 1 pm) and also writes in the gastronomy section of some publications (“Trofeo” -magazine on hunting and conservation-, “Caza y Safaris”, “A fuego lento” –digital gastronomic magazine-, “Brasil-Espanha”, etc.). She is also a partner of “Imbolc - Gastronomía, Vinos y Letras”, a communication and advertasing agency specialized in culinary events. She has participated as a juror in prestigious national competitions and as a presenter in important events like “Madrid Fusión”. She is also a member of the Madrid Gastronomic Club, of the Madrid Association of Sommeliers, of the Spanish Tasters Union, of the Spanish Association of Wine Journalists and Writers (AEPEV) and of the newly created Spanish Association of Writers and Journalists of Gastronomic Culture.

#### **Juan Manuel Ruiz Casado** (*Spain*)

He is part of the editing department of the “Sobremesa” magazine for over a decade. He is also usual member of tasting committees in national and international competitions; He currently combines wine writting with coordinating the tasting panel at “Sobremesa”.

#### **Etelvino Sánchez** (*Spain*)

Research Graduate Assistant, a title granted by the C.S.I.C.

Industrial Master's degree in Oenology.

Diploma in Quality Control by the Spanish Association for the Quality Assurance.

Winemaker.

He has carried out the technical direction and set up of a winery which produces and processes Spanish grape juices: "Corporación Caviedes", at Caracas (Venezuela).

Advine for the design and assembly of a winery which produces cherry brandy at Valle del Jerte, Spain.

Technical Assistant of the process of elaboration of cherry brandy, together with the research team of the I.F.E., the C.S.I.C. and INDEVASA (Valle del Jerte, Spain)

Design, installation and management "Bodegas Álvarez y Díez" winery which produces white quality wines under the Rueda D.O.

Technical direction for the production of wines under the Ribera de Duero D.O. at the winery "Bodegas Avelino Vegas".

Professor and lecturer of various courses, including: I.F.E. Course of Sommeliers by the Chamber of Commerce of Madrid.

### **José Serrano Cuadrillo** (*Spain*)

Hi is qualified Agricultural Technician, and has worked as technical engineer in food and drink industries. He retired in April 2009.

Head of the Quality of Vine Products department at the general office of food and drink quality and organic agriculture of the Spanish Ministry of Environment and Rural and Marine Environments (MMARM).

During the course of its business in the Administration he held several activities related to wine, the national and supranational regulation on this product, the technological resources to improve its quality and the analytical and sensory techniques to determine such and important attribute.

Trainer of the tasting committees of several regulatory boards of wine denominations of origin.

Secretary of the tasting committee of the INDO.

Delegate in Spain of the Group of Experts "Technology of Wine" from the International Wine Organization (OIV).

He has participated as a juror in several national and international wine competitions.

### **Ángel Serrano Mulero** (*Spain*)

Sommelier.

He is currently developing his career in the restaurant "Salmon Semon", located in Madrid.

### **Wendy Vallaster** (*Canadá*)

She is a certified Sommelier certificada with the "International Sommelier Guild", has studied at UC Davis, as well as many other supplementary wine courses. She is an official DO Jerez Xérèz Sherry educator, a Spanish Wine Educator, has presented the tasting segments of the WSET program, and is involved in many different aspects of the wine world, recently acting as a wine consultant and presenter with D.O. Ribera del Duero.

Apart from others, she is currently involved in the projects "The New Spain Wine Portfolio" and "The New Spain Wine Club", and has been one of the 6 wine professionals on the Technical Team at the Robert Parker Garnacha Tasting at the "WineFuture Rioja" congress.