



THE INSTITUTE OF
MASTERS of WINE



2010 Lallemand Bursary Winner Announced

The Institute of Masters of Wine and Lallemand are delighted to announce Annette Hanami as the winner of the inaugural Lallemand Bursary.

The bursary is open to students studying in the Institute's education programme and provides a funded visit to Lallemand's annual technical meeting in Verona, Italy, in April (*NDLR – the meeting was cancelled due to the airport shutdowns during the Icelandic volcano eruption – Annette was then invited to tour Italian wineries and wine research Institute with an American delegation from Lallemand*).

Lallemand is a corporate supporter of the Institute and a leading producer of wine yeast, bacteria and their nutrients, and a distributor of oenological enzymes. It is a privately owned Canadian corporation present in most of the wine producing countries. Its Oenology Division, based in Toulouse, France, has a major focus on research and development, both in-house and in collaboration with renowned research institutes.

Annette, a second-year year student with the Institute, secured the bursary with her 1,000-word essay addressing the topic of what solutions a winemaker can use to counteract hot climate red varieties producing high potential alcohol.

Annette is a freelance wine educator and writer based in the Napa Valley, USA. She gives consumer seminars and trains restaurant, hotel, retail and distributor staff around the country on international wines. She holds the Diploma from the Wine & Spirit Education Trust and the Certified Wine Professional credential from the Culinary Institute of America. She is individually accredited by the *Conseil Interprofessionnel du Vin de Bordeaux* as an International Bordeaux Educator and by InterRhône as a Master-level Rhône Instructor. Annette is a Spanish Brand Ambassador and Spanish Wine Educator certified by the *Academia del Vino de España*. Annette was previously a career banker in New York City and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and an MBA from the University of Southern California.

Ann Dumont, Communications Manager for Lallemand's Oenology Division said: "The essay written by Annette Hanami was one of the better summaries we have seen on this topic. The essay was well researched and showed that balanced high alcohol wines are possible. Lallemand is proud to participate in the support of the Institute and its students."

Annette said: “I am truly honoured to receive this generous bursary and grateful for the invitation to attend Lallemand’s annual technical conference in Verona. I would especially like to thank Lallemand for its generous support of the Institute’s education programme. Its contributions of time, expertise and resources are greatly appreciated by all the students.”

Siobhan Turner, Executive Director of the Institute said: “We are grateful to our supporter Lallemand for providing this bursary which gives the recipient a superb opportunity to gain detailed technical insight. I am sure that this will prove to be a valuable experience for Annette and will assist her greatly in her studies with the Institute.”

The Institute of Masters of Wine is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the highest educational and professional standards in the global wine trade. It was founded in London in 1955 and today it is a truly international organisation with a membership of 279 individual Masters of Wine based in 22 different countries. More than 240 students from 25 countries are currently studying in the Institute’s education programme, which leads to the Masters of Wine Examination.

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The Institute has 279 members (Masters of Wine, normally abbreviated to MW after a member’s name) based in 22 countries. Masters of Wine are active in all aspects of the wine industry and include winemakers, importers, buyers, retailers, consultants, journalists, educators, sommeliers and senior executives.

More than 240 students from 24 countries are currently engaged in the Institute’s education programme which encourages a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding wine and communicating that knowledge at the highest level and prepares students for the Masters of Wine Examination

The annual Masters of Wine Examination takes place concurrently in London, Napa (USA) and Sydney (Australia), over a four-day period, usually during the month of June. There are three practical papers, each with 12 wines. Candidates are required to blind taste and identify wines of varying quality levels and origins. In four theory papers, candidates need to demonstrate, through essays, knowledge of a wide range of subjects including winemaking, grape growing, business and social issues. Students must also write a 10,000-word

dissertation on a subject of their choice. Only after passing all parts of the examination and dissertation can someone be admitted to the membership of the Institute, agree to abide by its Code of Conduct and use the title Master of Wine, or its abbreviated form MW.

In addition to its education and examination programmes, the Institute organises annual events which are open to its members, students, the wider wine trade and, usually, private individuals with a serious interest in wine. These events offer outstanding professional development opportunities and include tastings, seminars, debates, visits to wine producing regions and master classes with the world's leading wine producers.

The Institute's work around the world is generously supported by a number of corporate supporters, each of whom helps to fund a specific area of activity which is usually aligned with their own corporate objectives. The Institute's principal supporters are AXA Millésimes and the Austrian Wine Marketing Board.

More information about the Institute and its activities, including biographies of Masters of Wine, can be found at the Institute's www.mastersofwine.org website.