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Oregon Wine Competition®

MEDFORD, Ore.--The Oregon Wine Experience® will host the Oregon Wine Competition® this weekend, July 20-21, 2019 at Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites. The judging panel includes two Masters of Wine, two Master Sommeliers and two renowned wine writers.

Judges will be available for media interviews on Sunday, July 21 at 11:30 am in the Constellation Hall at Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites. Media will be given access to the competition to film without audio on Sunday morning starting at 9:30 am. A Judges Forum will be held Sunday evening in the Grand Ballroom starting at 5:00 pm. Judges will be available for media interviews starting at 5:30 pm.

Entries for the Oregon Wine Competition® totaled 325 wines from 92 wineries from across the state of Oregon. The judges for the 2019 Oregon Wine Competition® include:

- **Ashley Hausman, MW** – Owner and Education/Business Consultant of Mistral Wine Co., Teacher at Wine Education Institute, Former Chair of Colorado Wine Industry Development Board. Recently awarded the Commanderie de Bordeaux aux Etats Unis Scholarship.



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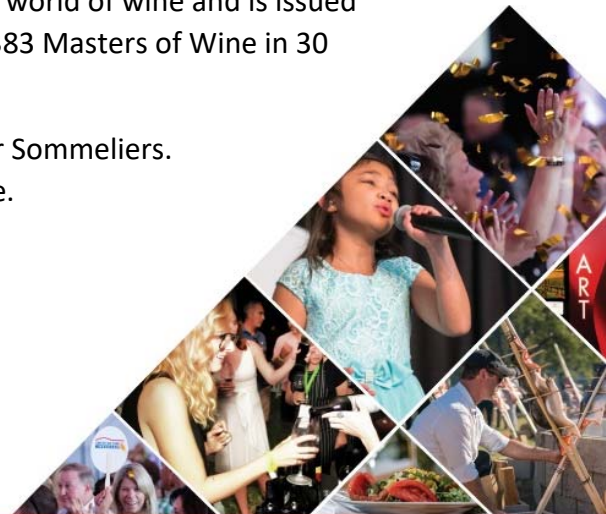


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- **Andrey Ivanov, MS** - The National Wholesale Manager for his company, Bliss Wine Imports based in San Francisco. Recognized as one of the top sommeliers in the U.S. by Wine Enthusiast, Wine & Spirits and Food and Wine Magazine.
- **Ellen Landis, CS, CSW** – Published wine writer, Certified Sommelier, Certified Wine Specialist and wine educator. She is the author of the blog EllenOnWine.com and write for AWS Wine Journal among other publications.
- **Maximillian Kast, MS** – Max Kast received the coveted designation of Master Sommelier from the Court of Master Sommeliers in 2018. Currently he works with Broadbent Selections, where he promotes their diverse portfolio of family-owned global boutique wineries
- **Deborah Parker Wong, DWSET** – Deborah Park Wong is Global Wine Editor for *SOMM Journal*, *The Tasting Panel* and *Clever Root* magazines. Serves as an adjunct professor in the wine studies program at Santa Rosa Junior College and Cabrillo College. She holds the Wine and Spirits Education Trust Diploma.
- **Peter Marks, MW** – Peter Marks entered the retail wine trade in 1981 and has worked as Wine Director for Draeger's Supermarkets, Chief Wine Merchant at wine.com, Wine Director at Copia: The American Center for Wine, Food and the Arts, and currently Vice President of Education at Constellation Brands. He teaches wine classes and is a member of Society of Wine Educators. He completed his Master of Wine in 1995 through the Institute of Masters of Wine.

Note: Master of Wine (MW) is the most prestigious title in the world of wine and is issued by The Institute of Masters of Wine. There are currently only 383 Masters of Wine in 30 countries.

Note: Master Sommelier (MS) is issued by The Court of Master Sommeliers. There are only 273 Master Sommelier professionals worldwide.



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