

Uncorking the Future

The UC Davis Winemaking Certificate Programs

For some, making wine is a legacy passed on among generations, with time-honored techniques enhanced by ever-evolving knowledge. For many of our students, winemaking begins as a dream, hobby or personal interest—and flows into a second career and a new life.

Steve, a 32-year military veteran, planted a vineyard in Clovis, California seeking a peaceful life working with plants and soil—and became an award-winning winemaker. Amy, a former corporate attorney, followed her passion and now is one of the nation's leading professional women winery owners and makers. Enrico, a commodities investment manager, discovered a love for winemaking through his involvement in Italy's grape-growing market. Sanne parlayed her background in agribusiness into a new career in the wine industry after relocating to New Zealand—and a thirst to deepen her knowledge through advanced study helped her work toward a winery leadership position.

Inspiring stories like these offer just a taste of the many ways the **UC Davis Winemaking Certificate Programs** have helped our alumni around the world to realize their boldest dreams.

The Science Behind the Art

It takes more than passion to make great wine. Our programs teach the science behind the art. From soil and grapes to business and marketing, **UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education** brings the industry-leading knowledge and experience of world-renowned faculty and professionals to our courses—paired with unmatched resources including the world's most advanced and sustainable winery and the nation's top-ranked college of agriculture.



Building Her Dream

"I'm so proud to be a woman winemaker. There aren't many of us. Only about 2% of the wineries in the world have been founded by women. I feel that it's really important for us to be role models for other women." - Amy LaBelle

Five years into her career as a corporate attorney, Amy LaBelle realized she had missed her true calling. With a vision of developing a destination winery in her home state of New Hampshire, LaBelle poured herself into learning the art, science and business of wine, and sought out the world-class UC Davis Winemaking Certificate Program to ensure she had a rock-solid foundation.

Today, Amy is the proud founder and winemaker at LaBelle Winery, the author of books on wine, and a noted media personality.

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“While I was going through each of the Winemaking Certificate Program courses, I was able to do that very same activity in the vineyard to learn and apply the concepts. That really helped solidify everything in my mind.... The quality of my wines improved drastically not long after I finished the program, which gave me the confidence to submit three wines to the San Francisco International Wine Competition with 30 countries competing. I won two silver medals and one bronze medal for my wines. This was all made possible by the instruction at UC Davis.” - Steve Shoemaker, 3 Oaks Vineyard

Growing a Global Vineyard

For more than half a century, UC Davis Continuing and Professional Education has brought unparalleled expertise to the wine industry. Our online [Winemaking Certificate Program](#) makes our top-ranked education available to aspiring and professional vintners across the U.S. and around the globe. Students from Oregon to Florida, from Chile and Argentina to China and Australia, have access to the internationally recognized leader in wine research and education. And our alumni are breaking new ground in nontraditional regions including Appalachia, British Columbia’s Okanagan Valley and northern Mexico—even planting vineyards in Alaska.

There are abundant ways to support the next generation of global wine professionals. Our students thrive when they can put virtual learning into immediate practice in a vineyard. **Funded internships** offer a win-win, both for participants who gain valuable hands-on experience, and for vineyards that benefit from our program’s expertise while hosting future innovators. **Scholarships** play a key role in attracting the next generation of industry leaders—training the winemakers and winery managers who will innovate for the future. **Travel stipends** allow students to explore vineyards and terroirs in California and abroad.

Your generosity can create access to the world’s top-ranked research institution for winemaking and grape growing, and educate the next generation of wine industry professionals worldwide.



Giving Opportunities

Fund Winery Internships

Open doors for students to put learning into practice while infusing the industry with new perspectives.

Create Scholarships

Foster diverse and talented future leaders who will move the industry forward.

Support Travel

Create opportunities for invaluable in-person experiences.

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