

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo 2020-2021 Champion Wine Judges

Arnold Gilberg has spent 47 years in the wine business as a Distributor, supplier and retailer. He also teaches wine classes at Texas Tech University and CSW wine training. He is a founding member of the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Wine Committee and has served 18 years on the judging panel and Super panel. He is also a founding member of the San Antonio Rodeo Wine committee and has served 12 years on the judging panel and Champion panel. He has been retired for 5 years and is enjoying life.



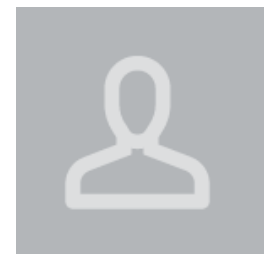
Clay Wheeler is the Dining Room Manager, Beverage Director, Sommelier at the Argyle Club in San Antonio. He holds the credentials of Certified Sommelier through the Court of Master Sommeliers, Wine and Spirits Education Trust Level 3 certificate holder and Certified Specialist in Wine through the Society of Wine Educators. He is currently studying for his Advanced Sommelier certification in 2020.

Jeremy Stiles has over 20 years' experience in the Alcohol Beverage industry and is currently a Broker. He previously served as VP of Chain Accounts at Ambiente Wine Importing Co, a wholesale distribution company based in Austin, Texas. Jeremy holds a Level 3 WSET Advanced and Certified Court of Master Sommeliers.



Stephanie Earthman Baird is a Houston-based Wine Educator and Consultant. Baird operates Journey Into Wine, a boutique agency specializing in wine appreciation. She offers a comprehensive suite of services including wine education, tours, event planning, and team building. Baird holds more than 13 wine certifications, including the prestigious Diploma from Wine & Spirits Education Trust - London, CWE, CSW, Adv Somm, CWAS, IWP. Since founding Journey Into Wine in 2014, Baird has conducted hundreds of wine classes and tastings for more than 3,000 wine students and corporate executives. She enjoys trotting the globe to explore wine regions and occasionally organizing tours for wine enthusiasts.

John Moore – 28 years in the restaurant/beverage industry. Currently employed with HEB, 3 years managing beer/wine in the Houston Market. Current certifications are: CSW, WSET 3, French Wine Scholar, Certified Spanish Wine Instructor, International Sommelier Guild Level 2 and WSET Sake 1 Certified.





Kristin Short is a Luxury Specialist for E&J Gallo Winery and began her career 22 years ago working for a large Beer company. During which time, she found her passion for wine and put herself through her wine studies to become an Advanced Sommelier and Certified Wine Educator.

Fabien Jacob is a lecturing instructor of hospitality and service management at The Culinary Institute of America (CIA), San Antonio. Mr. Jacob teaches various hospitality and service courses in the college's degree programs, including the Contemporary Hospitality and Service Management and Formal Hospitality and Service Management courses, which take place in the Savor restaurant adjacent to campus.



Prior to joining the CIA faculty in 2019, Mr. Jacob was wine director, sommelier, and floor manager at Bohanan's Prime Steaks & Seafood in San Antonio and opening wine director at Peggy's on the Green in Boerne, TX. He was also general manager of Sandbar and sommelier at Le Reve and Il Sogno in San Antonio—all part of CIA graduate Andrew Weissman's restaurant group—and general manager and beverage manager at CIA alumnus Doug Horn's Dough in San Antonio.

The native of Lyon, France graduated from Lycée Hôtelier Notre Dame de la Providence in Orchies, France and Lycée Hôtelier du Touquet in Le Touquet, France, with a focus on hospitality, wine knowledge, and wine service. Fabien Jacob is a Certified Sommelier (CS) and Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW). Mr. Jacob has traveled extensively through Europe to advance his wine education and he speaks five languages.



Jennifer Beckmann is a Certified Wine Educator & Certified Sommelier. Following a career as a Sommelier in Chicago, Jennifer joined the Texas Hill Country wine industry in 2009 offering her skills to open, develop and promote four boutique wineries from their beginning phases over the last decade.

In 2019 she became one of less than 500 wine professionals in the world to be awarded the title of Certified Wine Educators by the Society of Wine Educators and holds a level 2 Certified Sommelier title with the Court of Master Sommeliers. She writes a bi-monthly wine column for Edible San Antonio and fervently supports local charity organization as a member of the Dames d' Escoffier and San Antonio Chef Cooperative.

Julie Kuhlken, PhD is an Executive, Educator and Marketing and Hospitality Director with extensive international experience. She has worked both in the non-profit/academic sector as well as corporate environments. She is co-owner of Pedernales Cellars, a winery in the Texas Hill Country. A well-versed wine professional, she has earned the Level III award from the Wine and Spirits Education Trust, and currently sits on the Economic Development Commission for Gillespie County. She is the author of *Why Philosophers Take Artists Seriously: Nietzsche on Wagner, Heidegger on Holderlin, Adorno on Schonberg*, and has published numerous essays on ethical and environmental issues, as well as film and design.

