



**Hong Kong International
Wine & Spirit Competition**

2010 List of Judges

Tim Atkin MW



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“I wish the competition well, it has an important role to play in defining the future of wine on Asian markets.”



Tim Atkin MW is one of Britain's leading wine writers. He is the wine critic of The Times' The Table supplement and regularly appears as a wine expert for the BBC. He has won over 20 awards for journalism including the International Wine and Spirit Competition's Communicator of the year. He is a well regarded wine judge and has judged all over the world from France, to the United States and now in Hong Kong.

Debra Meiburg MW



"After listening to my panel discussions between judges from Bangkok, Taipei, Delhi and Beijing, I realized we are doing something very important in the Cathay Pacific HK IWSC: Asia's choice, Asia's voice!"

A founding Co-Director of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Wine & Spirit Competition, Debra Meiburg is a celebrated wine journalist, TV personality, wine educator and speaker who is pleasing palates across Asia with her fresh take on the world of wine. Awarded Master of Wine, the highest wine honour, Debra has a serious tongue for wine, but is a little tongue in cheek.

Simon Tam



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*“Hong Kong IWSC is
the only wine
competition that
represents Asia’s
Voice.”*



Simon is a co-founding Director of the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong IWSC and has chaired and judged in more than 70 international wine competitions around the world, including International Wine Challenge, Melbourne Wine Show, Sydney Top 100, B.A.V.I-Italy, South Africa’s Old Mutual Trophy and The Michelangelo.

Chris So



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*“This competition is
going to benefit all of
Asia’s wine
communities.”*



Chris So started WINELIST.HK, an Online Wine Media & Consultancy Company on 28 February 2008 when the abolishment of wine tax was announced, dedicated to the need for quality wine information in Hong Kong. Chris specializes on Web 2.0 and Social Media Platforms and writes bilingually in both Chinese and English.

David Wong



“Simply the best! A true wine competition and show by Asians for Asia.”

David is presently the Executive Assistant Manager and head of the Food & Beverage department at the Institute of Tourism Studies (IFT). He has released a second edition of his cookbook titled “The Art of Modern Portuguese Cuisine”. David is a regular food and wine judge on the International circuit, he also writes restaurant reviews and wine columns for South China Morning Post, Macau Closer, Macau Daily Times and Fine Drinks Magazine.

Denis Lin



"It's a great experience to collaborate with so many top wine professionals from different countries. I am sure the results of competition fully reflected the taste of Asians."



Since 2002 Dennis has worked as a wine & gourmet journalist. He enjoys finding out the stories of people and the "Terroir" hidden inside the bottles and barrels. Besides writing, Denis also co-operates with importers and trade offices such as SOPEXA and California Wine Institute to organize tasting courses and other wine events.

Diwen Qiu



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*“Amazing experience
of Chinese food and
wine pairing. Well
Done!”*

Diwen is the host of a TV series “Enjoying Wine” broadcasted for Shanghai Educational TV. She is also a wine judge, educator and has translated works such as James Halliday’s, “Master Course” and “Wine Tasting” A Professional Handbook written by Ronald S. Jackson.

Fongyee Walker



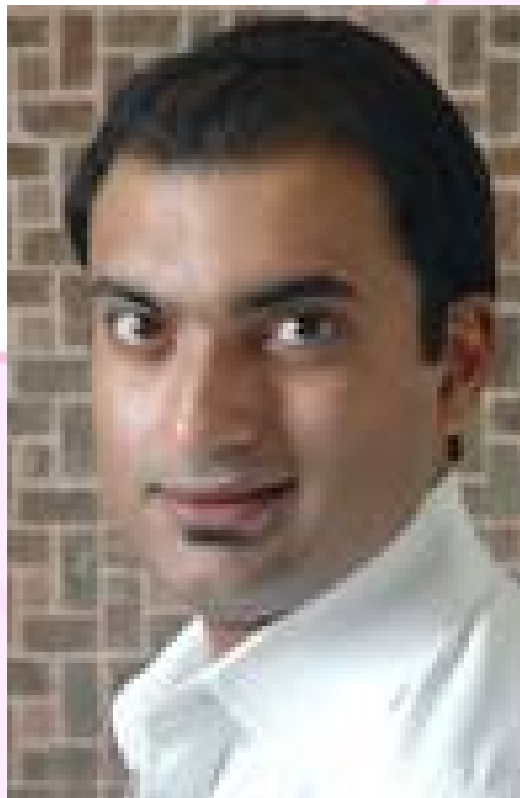
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“One of the most professional wine competitions in Asia. The food & wine paring adds an extra dimension.”



Fongyee Walker is mainland China's only Master of Wine candidate. Having passed her theory paper, in 2011 and co-founded *Dragon Phoenix Fine Wine Consulting*, Beijing's leading independent wine consulting and education service, with Edward Ragg, in 2007. She is also a blind-tasting panellist for *Food & Wine Magazine China* and *Wine in China Magazine* and has written for several international publications.

Harshal Shah



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“Such prestigious sponsors are a testament to the importance and relevance of this competition.”

Harshal Shah is one of India's leading wine professionals. He is an Australian sommelier, having worked in some of Australia's best fine Indian restaurants. He is a consultant sommelier to the Shangri-La and Hilton groups. He advises Indian Governments wine arm and we are pleased to welcome him back as a judge for the second year.

Jordi Chan



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*“Excellent
experience, perfect
partners.”*



With more than 8 years in the F&B industry, Jordi gained working experience at five-star hotel and internationally acclaimed restaurants. He has won wine-related awards including the Grand Prize of Hong Kong Best Sommelier Competition in 2010 and First-runner Up in Penfolds Sommelier Competition 2010. He also serves as contributing journalist for magazines in Hong Kong, Macau and PRC

Moonsong Bang



“Good potential to promote Asia and I especially appreciate this opportunity for Asian wines.”

Moonsong holds the Diploma from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust in London and is currently a candidate in the Master of Wine programme of the Institute of Masters of Wine. She also has a wide variety of professional experience as a training coordinator, merchandiser and restaurant owner. Moonsong has established specialist wine education and consulting company, winevision in Seoul and has been educating Korean wine lovers since 2008.

Morris Tao



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“It’s important to me to be a part of this, the world is changing fast and Asians want to speak out with their own taste and culture.”



2010 Taiwan’s Best Sommelier of French Wine / 3rd place , started experiencing wine at the age of 20 at the National Kaohsiung Hospitality. Morris is devoted in the field of wine business and currently is marketing manager and sommelier in Le Cellier des Poètes , Taichung , Taiwan. As a wine enthusiast, “I hope to influence people to enjoy living-life with lovely wine by sharing!”

Pairach Intaput



“ I found the wines from new latitude (i.e. Japan, Thailand) are well matched with Chinese and spicy food.”

Pairach Intaput has been well known in the food and beverage business for more than twenty years. He was the winner of Sopexa Grand Prix du Sommelier and was named “The Best Sommelier of Thailand in 1996” and got award as a Commandeur de Gastronomie Française from Institut de Gastronomie Française.

Sarah Wong



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“Finding the perfect wine which complemented the diversity of fish textures, flavours, oil content, soy sauce and shiso was a good learning experience.”



Born and raised in HK, Sarah developed her love for wine during a short sojourn in Napa Valley. In between running the family business, she has found time to accumulate her wine knowledge from WSET courses, reading and traveling. She has worked in vineyards in Southern Australia and has traveled to wines regions from Mendoza, Argentina, Piedmont Italy to the Riverina.

Manin Yeom



"I will bring what I have learned with me to share with the food and wine lovers in my daily life. The more you taste wine, the more you will love wine."

Manin has over 12 years of food and beverage experience in Australia, South Korea and Hong Kong. Originally from South Korea, Manin first studied wine in Adelaide and won the scholarship from Australia in conjunction with WSET in 2008. He is also member of the Ordre des Coteaux des Champagne.

Subash Arora



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“Organizers seriously promote the award winning wines regularly is a big plus for wines entering the competition.”



Arora is a noted wine writer, author, journalist, international judge, speaker, consultant, educator and a wine club promoter. He is the Editor and major content provider of delWine. He is also the India Correspondent of Meininger's Wine Business International, Germany.

Tersina Shieh



“It's good to see that today's Asian judges are confident and are unafraid to state and defend their views on the world's wines.”

Born and raised in Hong Kong, Tersina quit her marketing career in 2002 to pursue her interests in wine. She graduated as top student in the winemaking diploma course at Plumpton College in England and was also one of the handful of students passing the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) Level 5 Honours Diploma. She has made wines in the UK, Portugal and South Africa and visited wine regions in all continents.

Alan Liu



“ The competition offers great learning experience and opportunity to share information with other wine experts from different places. ”

Alan Liu is currently the Sommelier at the French Window of Miramar Group. In 2007 he was named first-runner up in the “Hong Kong Penfolds Best Sommelier Competition” and “The Hong Kong Best Sommelier Competition”. Alan is the youngest sommelier to be awarded “Best Hong Kong Sommelier” in 2008. He also is a freelance wine writer for wine magazines in Hong Kong and Macau.

Ying Hsien Tan



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He currently writes about wine as a freelance journalist, tastes for The Local Nose, gives wine talks and is engaged in wine education. Ying recently organized and hosted a Business Times Wine Night for senior business executives. His latest venture is a wine bar called Taberna that is situated in a leafy neighborhood of Singapore.

Yoshiji Sato



“Each impression and comment about wine from other Asian judges inevitably became my useful new knowledge. I believe those continuous layers of new wisdom and knowledge will contribute our Asian wine market a lot.”

Yoshiji is the Chief Wine Editor for the Shuhan News, the largest Japanese journal of Sake, Wine and Spirits. He also writes market reports and travels around the world participating in wine conferences, judging panels and educational endeavors.