

Celebrating WOMEN LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Vine Connections is a majority female led team and premium importer of Japanese saké & spirits and South American wine.



WOMEN IN SAKÉ & SPIRITS

MIHO IMADA | TOJI & PRESIDENT OF FUKUCHO

A master brewer recently recognized in the **2020 BBC List of 100 Influential Women** as well as being profiled by Bon Appetit as “quietly brewing some of the best saké in the world”. Miho Imada is one of the few female toji in Japan that is taking over the art of saké brewing, an area previously known to have barred female participation. There are around 50 female tojis in Japan. [\[learn more about Fukucho\]](#)

MIHO FUJITA | BREWERY PRESIDENT OF YUHO

A career woman from Tokyo with no prior knowledge of saké, Miho Fujita brings her passion of saké to buck traditional production methods in order to brew the saké she personally enjoys drinking. [\[learn more about Yuho\]](#)

YOSHIKO SATO | KANBARA CO-OWNER & DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

Yoshiko Sato is the Director of International Business and co-owner of Kanbara Brewery. Kanbara produces rich, full flavored sakés with elegant umami. [\[learn more about Kanbara\]](#)

YURI HONDA | CHIYONOSONO GLOBAL SALES DIRECTOR

Once her father retires as president of Chiyonosono she will become president and has been heavily involved with her family's brewery with her current position of Global Sales Director. [\[learn more about Chiyonosono\]](#)

LINDSAY JANG | CO-FOUNDER SUNDAY'S SPIRITS

Lindsay leads brand strategy & business development for Sunday's Spirits. She's the co-founder behind Yardbird Hong Kong, RONIN (#41 on San Pellegrino's list of the “50 Best Restaurants” in Asia), and Sunday's Grocery. Lindsay also leads a digital marketing and communication agency and consults in health & wellness. [\[learn more about Sunday's\]](#)

MONICA SAMUELS | VINE CONNECTIONS VP OF SAKÉ & SPIRITS

Monica is one of the country's most accomplished saké professionals and has been named as one of the **Top 50 Under 40 Future Influencers of the Global Drinks Industry** by WSET & IWSC and **Top 40 under 40 of America's Most Influential Tastemakers** by Wine Enthusiast. She was recently awarded the prestigious “Saké Samurai” title by the Saké Samurai Association in Japan and is a Level 3 Certified Instructor for WSET.



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WOMEN IN WINE



LAURA CATENA | OWNER & VINTNER OF LUCA & LA POSTA

Named one of the top 25 wine innovators by Food & Wine, Laura is a 4th generation vintner, business woman, practicing physician, medical professor, mother of three, accomplished tango dancer, a world-wide ambassador for Argentine wine and fledging author. [\[learn more about Luca & La Posta\]](#)

JIMENA LOPEZ | WINEMAKER OF BODINI & GRAFFITO

Jimena is one of Argentina's most treasured female winemakers. Her winemaking principles reflect her personality in their ease and sincerity. "I believe there are three things that make the difference to great winemaking: Know how, obsession for details, and above all passion." [\[learn more about Bodini & Graffito\]](#)

Aunt & Niece Team:

ANABELLE & TATIANA SIELECKI | FOUNDERS OF MENDEL

Anabelle and her vision and entrepreneurial spirit have helped grow Mendel to the successful, sophisticated, premium winery it is today. Her niece Tati, is now taking over the reigns, and making Mendel a world-renowned brand. [\[learn more about Mendel & Lunta\]](#)

ELIZABETH BUTLER | VINE CONNECTIONS DIRECTOR OF WINE

Lizzy has lived and worked with wine on both sides of the Andes and combines her skills of education, the Spanish language and Argentine & Chilean wine expertise to lead sales, education and marketing in the US.

HONORING WOMEN LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD ON **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (& EVERY DAY)!**

International Women's Day (March 8, 2021) is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating women's equality.



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