

Biography for Jay Youmans CWE, MW



Jay Youmans has been involved in the production, importation, and distribution of wine for nearly three decades. In the early 1980's he helped open and manage The Salem Cotton Company, one of the first restaurants to receive the Wine Spectator Magazine Award of Excellence. Today, he is a partner in Manse Field, a Pinot Noir Vineyard in Martinborough, New Zealand; owner and educator Director for The Capital Wine School in Washington, DC, www.capitalwineschool.com; and owner of Rock Creek Wine Merchants, a sales & marketing consulting firm.

Jay has served as a wine judge for the Starwine International Wine Competition, The Atlantic Wine Competition, the Mid-Atlantic Competition, The Dallas Morning News, and the California State Fair. He was a contributing author for *The Business of Wine*, published by Greenwood Publishing & Press (2009). He has passed the Advanced Level Sommelier exam held by the Court of Master Sommeliers, the Certified Wine Educator exam (CWE) held by The Society of Wine Educators, and is an accredited Burgundy Wine Educator through the Bureau Interprofessionnel des Vins de Bourgogne (BIVB).

In 2004, he became the 21st American, and the only person in the Washington, DC area, to pass the Master of Wine exam. He received both the Commanderie de Bordeaux Scholarship, and the Vina Errazuriz Trophy, www.mastersofwine.org.

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