

## Vita Thomas Sommer

### Sommelier - WSET Diploma© - Business Administrator

- Vintage 1978, born in Dresden, Germany
- Qualified hotel business expert
- IHK-certified Sommelier (DWS)
- Union-certified Sommelier-SU (Sommelier Union Germany)
- State-certified Business Administrator ; Hotel Management and Administration (Hotel Management School, Heidelberg, Germany)
- Diploma in "Wines and Spirits" from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET), London
- Advanced Sommelier Certificate at The Court of Master Sommelier

### Professional Experience

- Head Sommelier und Restaurant Manager, Schlosshotel Lerbach „Gourmetrestaurant Lerbach – Nils Henkel“ (\*\* Michelin, 19 GM), Bergisch Gladbach, Germany
- Head Sommelier, Schlosshotel Lerbach, in the „Restaurant Dieter Müller“ (\*\*\*) Michelin, 19 GM), Bergisch Gladbach, Germany
- Freelance Sommelier for Sommelier-Consult, Cologne, Germany
- Head Sommelier in the Marriott Hanbury Manor Hotel & Country Club, Hertfordshire, Great Britain
- Commis-Sommelier in the Restaurant "59 Poincaré" d'Alain Ducasse, Paris, France
- Commis-Sommelier in the Hotel Brandenburger Hof, Berlin, Deutschland
- Commis de Rang und Demi-Chef de Rang in the Hotel Villa Hammerschmiede, Pfingsttal-Sölingen, Germany
- Hotel apprenticeship at the Hotel Bülow Residenz, Dresden, Deutschland

## Honors

- “Sommelier of the Year 2012” awarded by S.Pellegrino and Aqua Panna
- “Best Riesling Wine List in Germany” awarded by „Der Metternich 2011/2012“
- “Sommelier of the Year 2008”, selected by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung (FAZ)

## Competitions and Awards

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place “Sommelier-Trophy - Best Sommelier Germany“ hosted by the Sommelier Union Deutschland und Relais & Châteaux, 2011, qualification for the Sommelier World and European Championships, 2013.
- German representative for 12<sup>th</sup> European Sommelier Championship, 2010, sponsored by the *Association de la Sommellerie Internationale* in Straßburg, France
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place “Trophée Ruinart – Best Sommelier Germany,” 2007
- Regional-Finalist Selections Competition Trophée Ruinart „Best Sommelier UK“ 2006
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sommelier Elimination Competition 2005, preliminary for the Sommelier World Championship, 2007
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place “Trophée Baron Philippe de Rothschild,” 2003
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place “Botschafter des Weines” (Ambassador of Wines), Trophée Relais & Châteaux, 2003
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place “Trophée Baron Philippe de Rothschild”, 2001
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place “Ernst-Löbnitzer-Trophy”, 1999

## Organizations

- Sommelier Union Deutschland
- Honorary member of the “Commanderie du Bontemps Médoc et Graves, Sauternes et Barsac”

## Languages

Moderation for programs available in both German and English

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