

1. What was your V&E background before attending VENIT?

I didn't have any V&E background before attending VENIT. Before studying in UCSC, I had completed a bachelor's degree in Political Science. During a trip in South Africa I fell in love with the world of wine, so I decided to take this path when I was done with my bachelor's degree.

2. What was your occupation before attending VENIT?

During my bachelor's degree, I was working in a chef restaurant for a few years.

3. What is your current occupation?

I've just started working in Pelter winery in the Golan Heights of Israel. The winery grows different international grape varieties and produces almost 400,000 bottles per year. I will work in the cellar and mostly in the vineyard.

4. How much did VENIT contribute to such a change?

Since I had no background in viticulture and enology before attending to VENIT, I felt I had to struggle if I want to be on the same pace with the program, but the lecturers always showed their good will to answer my questions. Reading the viticulture and enology books that were suggested by the staff helped me a lot to cope with my difficulties.

Unfortunately, due to Covid, I didn't have the chance to get enough laboratory and field experience. In total, the VENIT contributed a lot to my knowledge in viticulture, enology, plant pathology and wine marketing. Moreover I learned a lot about the wine industry during the internship I've been provided by the university.