

## VENIT REVIEW

### 1) What was your background before attending VENIT?

Before attending the VENIT master, i had completed an integrated master in Agriculture. I understood that i want to go deeper in the viticulture and enology world from the first year in the university, and after my studies i decided to apply in VENIT program. Although i had the basic knowledge about viticulture and enology, in this master i obtained much more knowledge, and i learnt indeed many important tips. Thanks to this program i understood in a different way how viticulture and enology sector works in practice. Of course, my internship in "Tenute Ruffino" in Tuscany contributed to develop my practical skills.

### 2) What was your occupation before attending VENIT?

While I was studying, I was working like a waitress and service manager in a pizza restaurant. There, i obtained more knowledge about the wines since one of my responsibilities was to order the wines for the cellar of the restaurant.

### 3) What is your current occupation?

Although I wanted to work in a winery after the VENIT master, I decided to continue for one more year at UCSC like a research assistant in a project about viticulture. I am sure that it will be a special experience that it is very difficult to find it somewhere out of the university. Also, I will have the opportunity to develop my knowledge much more about viticulture world.

### 4) How much did VENIT contribute to such a change?

VENIT absolutely contributed in my professional career, and i am pretty sure that this will be continued in the future. There are excellent professors that are always willing to help the students, and they give many important advices during all the year. In addition except the lectures, there are many extra activities like labs, field courses, seminars, trips in wineries, wine tasting classes, that are, of course, an advantage in order to expand your knowledge. Finally the most important is the opportunity of an internship. In my internship I saw in practice exactly what I learnt in theory in the university. VENIT master was an amazing experience that I will remember for all my life. It is highly recommended for everyone who want to be a professional in viticulture and enology world.