

## What was your background before attending VENIT?

Before attending the Master Venit, I obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Viticulture and Enology at the UCSC of Piacenza.

To continue my studies, I was undecided between the Master Degree in Viticulture and Enology and the Master Venit. I decided to join this Master's program to improve my knowledge about the Viticultural world which has always fascinated me.

Basically my choice was influenced by the high number of practical activities both in the lab and in the vineyard, present at the university.

For me the VENIT courses have been an improvement in every area of the Viticultural and Enological world. The possibility to have practical activities gave me the chances of testing what I understood during the lessons in the class and increased my skills, also with the language thanks to the fact that my class was composed of people from different countries and backgrounds.

## What was your occupation before attending VENIT?

After the end of my Degree I did not have any occupation. In my family, we have a little winery in the Oltrepo Pavese (Province of Pavia) and I helped my dad to manage our vineyards, obviously after studying.

## What is your current occupation?

Nowadays I'm the agronomist junior in a quite big winery in which I have done my internship during the Venit. It is Conte Vistarino winery and it's composed of 100 hectares of vines of different typical varieties of the Oltrepo Pavese, that is the wine district where the winery is located. It is a new and important challenge for me and I'm very excited.

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

The year of the VENIT has been a very positive one despite all the problems related to the pandemic. Unfortunately during that year we were not able to go to visit different wineries and instead we just went to La Tosa (a small winery in the Colli Piacentini area) where, with the owner Stefano, we tasted their Malvasia di Candia aromatica.

For me, The internship period has been the most interesting and wonderful part of the programme. Thanks to that, I found a job, so I can say that the VENIT has changed my perspective in a positive way.