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a) What was your V & E background before attending VENIT?

Before attending Venit I had no background in viticulture, the only knowledge I got was coming from an internship and a later job in a small winery in Franciacorta. My "knowledge" was mainly related to the practical side of working in a vineyard, so it was not concerning the scientific side. About Enology I had some notions of microbiology and of the "steps" required to produce a wine, also in this case thanks to my job and to some courses that touched these points in my previous degree.

b) What was your occupation before attending VENIT?

Before attending this Master course I was a student at Università degli Studi di Padova, where I got a first level degree in Science and Culture of Gastronomy and Foodservice. My studies concerned food sciences, economics and history of food and agriculture. An internship in a winery encouraged me to study viticulture and oenology in my master's degree.

c) What is your current occupation?

I'm currently working in a medium size winery in Franciacorta where I'm doing almost everything. By now I'm spending most of my time working in the vineyard learning how to prune and other applications for correct vineyard management. Moreover, I assist to wine analysis and follow and monitor the vinification until bottling.

d) How much did VENIT contributed to such a change?

Master VENIT totally contributed to this change: everything that I studied in that year was very useful. It gave me a very good preparation both on the Enological and on the Viticulture side. Things that I learnt during the Master have been fundamental to face the everyday work: from the ideas on how to deal with vines to how to solve problems in the winery. VENIT gave me also the possibility to deepen my knowledge and abilities, this also thanks to the long internship letting you apply what you have studied in the previous months and to face the real issues of working in a winery. Without that internship I probably wouldn't have found my job.