

# CVITA ESKINJA

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

I graduated in Agriculture at the University of Zagreb and I have gained already some experience, mostly in cellar while working for a cooperative in Croatia, which produced wine and olive oil.

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

Before attending VENIT, I was working in Croatia, in agriculture cooperative, doing all sorts of stuff, mainly cellar work, I didn't spend a lot of time in the vineyard. I did a lot of hospitality for the cooperative. My knowledge back then was pretty basic and I wasn't very confident with decision making in cellar nor vineyard.

## c) What is your current occupation?

Today I am working as an Enologist for one small family winery in Croatia, Dalmatia region. We grow several international varieties and few indigenous varieties. This area is famous for producing big reds, as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah. I have a lot of freedom in my daily work routine. I plan to incorporate techniques and knowledge which I gained through VENIT program in my work here.

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

This program contributed tremendously to my status today. I have much more confidence in my knowledge and skills and my decision making while working in production. I am introducing new ideas and different way of operating in the cellar. Considering I come from a country where real winemaking (at least in my region) is still at its beginning, experience which VENIT gave me was a one in a lifetime and will definitely help in my future career aspirations.

