

# Siddharth Mane

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

Before attending the VENIT program I had no educational background in viticulture and enology but I had worked my way up through the wine industry, from making different fruit wines to my first harvest job. I had laboratory experience and understood the practical steps and procedures of winemaking but not in-depth science behind fermentation. Speaking on viticulture, I didn't had any experience and knowledge before attending VENIT.

**2. What was your occupation before attending VENIT?**

Before attending VENIT I was working as laboratory technician in a small bakery unit in Mumbai.

**3. What is your current occupation?**

Currently I am working as Assistant Winemaker with Desaal Production Private Limited that produces port wine and fruit wine and starting production of wine from different varieties from 2020 harvest in Nashik-Maharashtra.

**4. How much did VENIT contributed to such a change?**

VENIT helped me in understating the science and different aspects behind viticulture. Due to which I started gaining more interest in viticulture. VENIT made me realize my dreams. VENIT gave me chance to do my first international harvest at one of the top winery in Toscana. Before VENIT I was neither qualified nor anywhere near knowledgeable enough to understand science behind viticulture and enology. I am confident that the degree has made me much more marketable to employees in both viticultural and enological positions.

