



CELEBRATING OUR FEMALE LEADERS IN
WINE, SAKE, & SPIRITS

DO IT ANYWAY

Championing the women whose **desire** outweighed their **fear**

International Women's Day 2023

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THE STATS

146

MALE SOMMELIERS

vs.

23

FEMALE SOMMELIERS

1500

SAKE BREWERIES IN JAPAN

vs.

>50

FEMALE TOJIS
(Master Brewer)

82.2%

MALE WINEMAKERS IN THE WORLD

vs.

17.8%

FEMALE WINEMAKERS IN THE WORLD

THE WOMEN THAT DID IT ANYWAY

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WINE



Laura Catena, Luca & La Posta

A 4th generation vintner, businesswoman, practicing doctor, wife and mother of three.



Jimena Lopez, Graffito & Bodini

One of Argentina's most treasured winemakers with her near obsessive pursuit of perfection.



Mary Kate Buckley, Urlari

A veteran of multi-national brands. She brought her business experience and marketing savvy to the Italian wine world.



Anabelle + Tatiana Sielecki, Mendel Wines

The aunt & niece team that has turned an 80+ year old winery into a top producer.



Martina Galeano, Areyna + Casarena

Martina traveled the world working harvests and has brought a sustainability focus to the winery,



Miho Imada, Fukucho

Master brewer and one of Japan's leading innovators in the sake space.



Miho Fujita, Yuho

A former businesswoman turned brewery president that does not let rules confine her sake.



Yuri Honda, Chiyonosono

Current head of global sales who will soon take the helm of her family's 5th-generation sake brewery.



Yoshiko Sato, Kanbara

Yoshiko is a co-owner and oversees all International business for her family brewery.



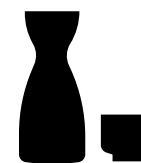
Lindsay Jang, Sunday's Spirits

Co-founder of Sunday's Spirits, this career innovator and restaurateur wanted to make a whisky she would want to enjoy.

THE WOMEN THAT DID IT ANYWAY

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SAKE + SPIRITS



THE WOMEN THAT LED THE WAY

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OUR TEAM



Monica Samuels
Vice President of Sake & Spirits



Elizabeth Butler
Director of Wine



Kelley Rochna
VP of People & Marketing



Adrienne Richmond
Director of Operations



Aisha Risinger
Senior Design & Marketing Manager



Dila Lee
Sake & Spirits Manager



Valeria Guarnieri
Head of Global Packaging



Jaime Edwards
Digital Content Specialist



Valentina Banyuls
Design & Marketing Associate



Janiz Frago
South Central Regional Sales Manager



Brittany Klipper
California Field Sales Manager



Stephanie Bramlett
Operations Manager



Mary Failing
Data & Insights Manager



Samantha Lee
Associate Sales Analyst



Kristen Price
South Central Business Manager



Alexandra Guevara
Order Entry Specialist

TO GET INSPIRED

ADVICE FOR FUTURE WOMEN IN...

SAKE

"My advice is to **stop worrying** about what anyone else thinks, and not to dwell on the challenge of being a woman, as the way I look at it, it's an **even greater opportunity** to sneak up on your competition as the underdog that no one was looking out for!"

- *Miho Fujita*

"My advice is to **not be intimidated** when entering a playing field where there are no women around. If you work hard enough **you will inspire** other women to follow in your footsteps, which is very much what is happening in the sake world today, decades later!"

- *Miho Imada*

WINE

"If I could give one piece of advice to the next generation of women in the wine business, it would be to make a big effort to **find mentors** and as you become more experienced **become a mentor** to others."

- *Laura Catena*

Passion, in my experience, is what doesn't allow you to give up with failures and requires you to try again and try again. Passion is what makes you to do things better every time. When you really love what you do nothing and nobody stop you, so, **DO IT ANYWAY!!!!**

- *Jimena Lopez*

OUR TOOLS

Use the links below and share our Women's Month Resources with your Audience

WINE

[ALL TOOLS](#)

SAKE + SPIRITS

[ALL TOOLS](#)

SAKE FLIGHT
FEMALE BREWER SPOTLIGHT: MIHO IMADA
Miho Imada is one of the few female toji & brewery presidents in Japan. Miho sports passion and curiosity for sake brewing in both genders. Her ultimate dedication to her craft encourages the future of women in the industry.

FUKUCHO FORGOTTEN FORTUNE JUNMAE	FUKUCHO MOON ON THE WATER DAIJO DAIJO	FUKUCHO SEASIDE SPARKLING DAIJO DAIJO
Full flavor, earthy touches and great texture with a long, persistent finish.	Aromas of melon and lime with bold hints of fennel, white pepper, anise and allspice. Minerality from the soft water is evident in the finish.	Crisp notes of lemon-lime and apple aromas with a soft, frothy finish.
		

WOMEN IN WINE FLIGHT

AREYNA TORRONTES Salta, Argentina	GRAFFITO CABINET FRANC Mendoza, Argentina	LA POSTA PIZZELLA MALBEC Mendoza, Argentina
A fresh, aromatic & stylish white wine. Notes of citrus and floral with lovely acidity.	Delicate & elegant with floral aromas and notes of raspberry, cherry and sweet pepper.	Notes of dark berries, plum and hints of sandalwood & spice. Full-bodied and well structured.
		
MARTINA GALEANO WINEMAKER AREYNA WINES	JIMENA LOPEZ WINEMAKER GRAFFITO	LAURA CATENA OWNER & VINTNER LA POSTA

Celebrating
WOMEN LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
Vine Connections is a majority female led team and premium importer of Japanese saké & spirits and South American wine.



WOMEN IN SAKÉ & SPIRITS

MIHO IMADA | TOJI OF FUKUCHO

A master brewer recently recognized in the **2020 BBC List of 100 Influential Women** as well as being profiled by Bon Appetit as "quietly brewing some of the best saké in the world". Miho Imada is one of the few female toji in Japan that is taking over the art of saké brewing, an area previously known to have barred female participation. There are around 50 female tojis in Japan. [\[learn more about Fukuchō\]](#)

MIHO FUJITA | BREWERY PRESIDENT OF YUHO

A career woman from Tokyo with no prior knowledge of saké, Miho Fujita brings her passion of saké to buck traditional production methods in order to brew the saké she personally enjoys drinking. [\[learn more about Yuho\]](#)

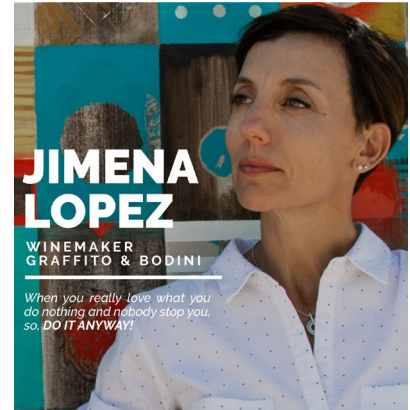
YOSHIKO SATO | KANBARA CO-OWNER & DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS
Yoshiko Sato is the Director of International Business and co-owner of Kanbara Brewery. Kanbara produces rich, full flavored sakés with elegant umami. [\[learn more about Kanbara\]](#)

YURI HONDA | CHIYONOSONO GLOBAL SALES DIRECTOR

Once her father retires as president of Chiyonosono she will become president and has been heavily involved with her family's brewery with her current position of Global Sales Director. [\[learn more about Chiyonosono\]](#)

JIMENA LOPEZ
WINEMAKER
GRAFFITO & BODINI

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WHO WE ARE



Mind-changing wines from the most unique places in the world.

Geo Vino is a women led importer focusing on expertise and passion to deliver wine from inspiring families from Argentina and Chile. What you drink matters, and we want your experience to be more than what is just in the glass. See the world of wine through our eyes.

Learn more at
geovinowines.com



The power is in the collective.

Kome Collective's portfolio of expertly curated craft Japanese sake and spirits spans experiences rooted in tradition up to the forefront of innovation. We are a women-led sake importer that has brought the best in craft Japanese sake to the US for over 20 years.

Learn more at
komecollective.com

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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2023

#EmbraceEquity

For IWD and beyond, let's all fully #EmbraceEquity.

Equity isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must-have.

A focus on gender equity needs to be part of every society's DNA.

It is critical to understand the difference between equity and equality.

Be part of the movement

Supporting Hashtags

#EmbraceEquity #IWD2023 #InternationalWomensDay
#FemaleLeaders #WomenInWine #WomenInSake #WeEmpowerHer
#WomensHistoryMonth

Educational Resources

- ❖ www.internationalwomensday.com
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