

Inga Funke (born 1979 in Filderstadt, Germany) has committed herself to the subject wine since she was 18 years old.

After growing up in Württemberg, she moved to Tuskany in 1999 to explore more about the world of wine. Since then she knows that wine is her calling. Therefore she studied wine growing and oenology in Geisenheim with internships in Germany, USA and Italy like at "Schloss Reinhartshausen" Rheingau, Germany, "Burgunderhof" Lake of Constance, Germany, "Chateau Chantal" Michigan, USA or "Manincor" South Tirol, Italy. After that followed positions as assistant winemaker at "Pierpaolo Pecorari" Friuli, Italy and at "Isabel Estate" Marlborough, New Zealand.

Her secret love? The variety Pinot Noir, which vinification proves real ability.

Inga Funke is now working at Count Hardegg vineyards since the summer 2006, where she is in charge of production and sales. Always having in mind the creation of best qualities according to the natur. With her focus on the vineyard. Subsequent concerving in the cellar what has grown in the vineyards. Thereby the challenge: "Every year is different and so is the exciting point of the calling to engage to the yearly conditions".



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