

VASYLYSA YILMAZ

FOOD AND WINE EVENTS IN TURKEY

ABOUT

Turkish wines Promoter, Founder of event agency Stambulka

Since December 2021 WSET4 Diploma student

More than 20 years in Journalism and 10 years in Tourism, the last 5 - specialized in Wine Tourism.

I organize Food Tours, Wine Tours and Wine Tastings in Turkey in Turkish, English, Ukrainian, Russian languages.

I also work as a Group Leader with Food and Wine Tours of Gastrotravel.club (Lisboa, Porto, Bordeaux)

EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE JUDGE - INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2023

London, UK www.internationalwinechallenge.com | April - May 2023

FOOD AND WINE TOURS ORGANIZER

Turkey, www.stambulka.com | March 2012 - present

- Food and Wine Tours in Turkey
- Turkish Wine Tastings
- Culinary Workshops
- Wine and Dine Events, Charity Events with Chefs and Winemakers

JOURNALIST AND HEAD OF PR DEPARTMENT

Ukraine | January 2000 - March 2009

- Running PR campaigns
- Organizing different event, including conferences, festivals, launches
- Writing restaurant reviews, interviews for local Timeout magazine
- TV production management

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

WSET1, WSET2, WSET3 (PASS WITH DISTINCTION)

2022 - recently - WineWise Benelux, DipWSET student (already passed D1, D2, D4, D5)

2017 - 2020 IWSA Istanbul, WSET 1 - 3

2015 - 2016 Okan Universitesi, Istanbul & West London Hospitality School - Professional Cooking

1999 - 2003 Tavria University, Crimea, Ukraine - Journalism



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AWARDS AND CITATIONS

2016 GOURMAND COOKBOOK AWARDS

My book "Guide to Local Food in Istanbul" was shortlisted for the Gourmand CookBook Awards.

2022 INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Received a scholarship for D4-D5 studies of DipWSET education

HOBBY

Food and Wine Photography

Rock concerts and stage diving :)