



Melanie, a Certified Sommelier, began her formal wine education in 2006 at the Culinary Institute of America, St Helena, CA. Her natural curiosity for wine led her to continue to study with the Wine and Spirits Educational Trust. She completed WSET Advance Certification in 2008.

In 2009, Melanie became a Certified Sommelier by the Court of Masters, and is currently preparing for their Level 3 exam. Soon after, she earned the distinction of Certified Specialist of Wine (CSW) with the Society of Wine Educators, and began her career educating the public about different wine regions and cultures from around the globe.

Ms. Chang has a special appreciation for sake; she loves to share her unique understanding of it with others. Her education as Sake Specialist began with John Gauntner, recognized as the world's leading sake expert. Soon after, she was invited to participate in the first international sake brewing program in Japan. She worked at Daimon Shuzo in Osaka, alongside Toji (Master Brewer) Yasutaka Daimon. Following the internship, Melanie studied at the Japan Sake Brewers Association in Tokyo.

Melanie has a unique talent — she makes wine and sake education fun — the perfect host for your wine and sake tasting event. She is available for private or corporate events.

When she's not sharing her passion for fine food, wine and sake, she can be seen jogging Newport Beach trails with her dog Desi, a copper colored Vizsla.