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## PROFESSIONAL BIO

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Christopher Chan is an accomplished event producer, media professional, sommelier, wine educator, wine consultant, wine maker, event director, radio host, hospitality professional and auction emcee with 30+ years in the food, wine & beverage industry. A graduate from the University of Washington in Communication, Chan is recognized as: an Advanced Sommelier by the Court of Master Sommeliers; a Sommelier Diploma recipient from the International Sommelier Guild; a Certified Specialist of Wine by the Society of Wine Educators; French Wine Specialist, Spanish Wine Specialist Certifications, Ambassador for Consejor Regulador del Tequila, and Star Sommelier for Windstar Cruise Line. Christopher is Founder and Executive Director of: 2017 SOMM Summit ~ International Wine & Spirits Symposium; www.SeattleWineAwards.com; www.Oregon Wine Awards.com; www.Idaho Wine Awards.com; 2016 Holiday Wine Fest; 2016 Seattle International Spirits Awards; Co-Founder, Wine Maker and Sales Director for Washington's www.CoralWines.com and Host/Producer of Seattle's premier wine, beer, and spirits broadcast: www.HappyHourRadio.net , Saturdays 6pm – 7pm on 570 KVI AM.

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## CAREER QUALIFICATIONS

Competent communicator, innovator and problem solver who also produces high quality work, forges complementary relationships, meets deadlines, stays on budget, shows profitability and exceeds expectations. Experienced sommelier, wine director, emcee/host, mixologist, high-end service trainer professional and event management producer with excellent communication skills and innovative ideas who demonstrates ability to organize, prioritize and manage multiple events, programs and curriculum while working with minimal direction or supervision. Proficient in MS Office and an expert in wine service, wine tasting, analytical deduction, wine-restaurant-bar marketing education.

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## MEDIA, EVENT & PROMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Media Experience - Happy Hour Radio — February 8, 2014 to Present

**Host / Producer** www.HappyHourRadio.net

Creator, Host and Producer of Seattle's weekly premier wine, spirits, beer, food, events and education radio program Saturdays on 570 KVI AM Seattle.

### Seattle Wine Awards / Oregon Wine Awards / Idaho Wine Awards

**Executive Director** — **January 2006 to Present**

Founder and Executive Director of Washington State's most comprehensive wine recognition program – The Seattle Wine Awards. This event brings together the regions foremost wine professionals to taste and evaluate Washington's vintage wine releases in an effort to recognize, celebrate and promote the best of Washington wine.
**www.seattlewineawards.com / www.oregonwineawards.com /www.idahowineawards.com**

### Seattle International Spirits Awards

**Executive Director** — **January 2016 to Present**

Founder and Executive Director of Washington State's most comprehensive spirits recognition program – The Seattle International Spirits Awards.

### KTZZ-TV 22, Seattle, WA — March 1993 – November 1997

**Promotions and Events Coordinator / Public Service Announcement Director**

Designed and implemented on-air contests and program promotions, revenue generating sales ideas, sponsorship packages and outside promotional programs and sales. Managed public service schedules, community outreach and FCC fulfillment.

### CHANNEL ONE Productions, Seattle, WA — October 1990 – October 1997

**Event Director, Alki 8K – Run for the Beach**

Founded and organized major local sports event. Responsible for planning, sponsorship sales, media promotion, event production, execution, results, awards and receipts.

## WINE, SPIRITS & HOSPITALITY EXPERIENCE

## Winery Experience **October 2014 to Present**

**www.CoralWines.com**

Co-Founder, Winemaker & Director of Sales for Coral Wines of Walla Walla focusing on classic Rhone style blends and world-class Provence style rosé.

## Wine Educator **Oct/Nov. 2015**

**Tacoma Golf & Country Club**

Featured guest wine professional for two unique wine presentations at private club focusing on tasting skills, wine regions & styles, food pairings and entertaining. Selected wines, crafted materials, curriculum & education for 25+ members/guests.

## Wine Educator **June 6 – 18, 2015**

**Windstar Cruise Line ~ Lisbon, Portugal through Spain & France.**

Chosen as the Celebrity Sommelier for the 10-day wine cruise from Oporto, Bordeaux, and Normandy. Selected wines, crafted materials, presented a nightly wine tasting curriculum & education for 200+ guests.

## Wine Educator **November 13 – 29, 2014**

**Windstar Cruise Line ~ Barcelona, Spain – Lisbon, Portugal**

Chosen as the Celebrity Sommelier for the 8-day wine cruise around Spain. Selected wines, crafted materials, presented a nightly wine tasting curriculum & education for 200+ guests.

## The Rainier Club, Seattle, WA **November 1997 to September 2013**

**Director of Wine & Spirits**
**Director of Programs and Club Events**

Responsible for Wine, Spirits and Beverage program for $3 million dollar company.
Manage and maintain wine inventory, vendor relations, wine education programs, wine & spirit events and programs such as: Martini Olympics, Wine Soirees, Meet the Winery, Centennial Wine Project, and Wine Appreciation Series. Act as staff liaison for numerous member interest groups and committees. Develop and schedule events, attend monthly meetings, organize Club's annual program calendar, formulate budgets and promote activities for the following committees: Wine, Single Malt Scotch, Arts, Cruise, Golf, Bridge Players and Laureate. Other positions held at the Club include: Director of Purchasing, Service Director, Bar Manager, Mixologist

## COMMUNITY SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

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| 2015 Consejor Regulador Tequila | Certified Tequila Specialist |
| 2008~2015 Seattle Wine Awards Gold Medal Experience | Executive Director |
| 2014 Society of Wine Educators | Certified Specialist of Wine |
| 2014-2016 5TH Avenue Theatre Gala Auction | Wine Procurement Committee |
| 2005~2013 Auction of Washington Wines | Gala Sommelier Captain |
| 2012 Auction of Washington Wines | Emcee – Gala Picnic |
| 2012 Advanced Sommelier Diploma | Court of Master Sommeliers |
| 2009~2011 Washington Wines Festival | Sommelier Captain |
| 2007~2009 Chef's Night Out Gala Wine Dinner | Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Board |
| 2006~2009 Woodland Park Zoo "Jungle Party" | Wine Procurement Committee |

## COMMUNITY SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

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| 2006 & 2007 PNRI.org "An Evening of Wine Gala" | Master of Ceremonies |
| 2007 Sommelier Diploma | International Guild of Sommeliers |
| 2006 Certificate of Wine Fundamentals Program I & II | International Sommelier Guild |
| 2006 Certified Sommelier | Court of Master Sommeliers |
| 2006 Special Olympics "Wine & Dine Evening" | Organizing Committee |
| 2005~2010 PONCHO "Wine Gala Auction" | Volunteer Captain |
| 2005 & 2006 South Seattle Community College "Gifts from the Earth" | Sommelier Captain |
| 2005 Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research "Holiday Gala" | Sommelier Captain |
| 2003 – 2006 U of W TYEE Sports Council | Football 5th Qtr - Event Chair |

## AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2012 Fred Hutchinson Laureate Circle Award
2009 Washington Wine Commission ~ Walter Clore Honorarium Award
2009 Canlis Hospitality in Wine Scholarship Award for Court of Master Sommelier Adv. Exam
Member / Professional du Vin ~ Seattle Bailliage, La Chaine des Rotisseurs

## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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|---|---|
| Sandra Lee, Executive Director Woodinville Wine Country | 425-205-4394 |
| Melissa Witsoe, Windstar Cruises | melissa.witsoe@windstarcruises.com |
| Brett Hawn, Food & Beverage Director ~ The Rainier Club | 206-296-6903 |
| Charlie Gouge, Sales Manager KOMO Radio | 206-404-3117 |
| David LeClaire, Founder – SeattleUncorked.com | 206-683-3288 |