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BEST OF THE BEST

From Sustainable Champagne to an Unprecedented 100-Pointer: The Best Wines Right Now

Women take the lead at top wineries, and the most noteworthy Champagne, Pinot Noir and Burgundy that we tasted this year.

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A fresh generation of brilliant women are steering the wine industry, from small houses to the world's most respected estates. This past year especially has seen exciting young, new executives and wine-makers taking the lead.

Also in France, Vitalie Taittinger has taken over as president of the venerable Champagne Taittinger. Like Rothschild, she has been pushing for greater sustainability and organic farming, to great success. **In California, Remi Cohen has been named CEO of [Domaine Carneros](#), Taittinger's West Coast sparkling-wine powerhouse.**

That over half of the Domaine Carneros management team are women might make it seem like an incubator for a unique "female management style." But Cohen pushes back on that question. "Some believe that women may be more empathetic. But that isn't something I think about. Plenty of men have those characteristics, and many women don't. What's most important is a diverse leadership and team. Studies have shown that companies with people of diverse backgrounds tend to perform better and attract a broader customer base."

