



# Sister Cities of Jasper, Inc.

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## Sister Cities of Jasper to Host Wine Queens of Germany - February 2023



**Katrin Lang – Wine Queen of Germany**



**Jessica Himmelsbach – Wine Queen of Baden**

Sister Cities of Jasper is excited to announce that the Wine Queen of Germany, Katrin Lang, and the Wine Queen of Baden, Jessica Himmelsbach, will be visiting Jasper and Indiana from February 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. At the invitation of the Sister Cities of Jasper, both queens will be hosted in Jasper and appearing at several events around the city during their stay.

“We are overjoyed that both of these ladies accepted our invitation to visit Jasper and to be special guest presenters at our event,” stated Mary Leah Siegel, President of Sister Cities of Jasper. “This will be such a wonderful opportunity for our community to experience and share in their passion for German wines and winemaking.”

Both Katrin and Jessica will be special guest presenters at the ‘Wine and Dine Your Valentine’ event on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at KlubHaus 61 in Jasper when Sister Cities of Jasper hosts a special evening showcasing the wines from Pfaffenweiler, Germany.

Doors open at 6 p.m. The evening includes five wine samplings, a gourmet four-course meal, information about the wines and pairings, a silent auction, door prizes, music by Jon & Stacey, dancing and fun. Beer options are also available as well as a cash bar.

Tickets are \$50 per person (tables of eight available) and can be purchased via Eventbrite at this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wine-and-dine-your-valentine-wine-sampling-4-course-dinner-music-fun-tickets-504001711687> or via hard copy from the Sister Cities of Jasper email: [sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com](mailto:sistercitiesofjasperin@gmail.com)  
Checks should be made payable to Sister Cities of Jasper.

### **About the German Wine Queens**

The German Wine Queen (German: Deutsche Weinkönigin) is the representative of the German wine industry. The Wine Queen is supported by two princesses, forming together the German Wine Ambassadors. She is elected, for a period of one year. The title is competed for by the regional wine queens of the thirteen German wine regions. The German Wine Queen must first be a wine queen of one of the German wine regions for a year prior.

The German Wine Queen competition is arranged by the German Wine Institute (DWI or German: Deutsche Weininstitut). Selection of both the German Wine Queen and each of the regional wine queens is based on a knowledge of oenology and winemaking technology, quick wit and eloquence, as well as proficiency in foreign languages and a knowledge of the wine export business.

**The 74<sup>th</sup> German Wine Queen is Katrin Lang** from Ebringen in the Baden region; she was chosen on 30 September 2022 for the period 2022/2023.

**The 72<sup>nd</sup> Baden Wine Queen is Jessica Himmelsbach** from Heitersheim in the Markgräflerland region (Breisgau-Hochschwarzwald district) of Baden, she was chosen by the Baden Winegrowers' Association on 03 June 2022 for the period of 2022/2023

During their one-year term of office, the Wine Queen and Wine Princesses advertise German wine at trade fairs, wine festivals, and other events. The Wine Queen, in particular, is the ambassador of German wine-growers and their products at over 250 appearances in Germany and abroad.

The Wine Queen of Baden has been an elected position since 1950 within the Baden Winegrowers Association. Women with a strong wine background, oenology students, winegrowers, or women from

winegrowing families may apply for the honor. The Wine Queen of Baden opens larger wine festivals, can be booked for wine tastings and support and advertise the nine Baden wine-growing areas throughout Germany and abroad. The Wine Queen of Baden makes approximately 200 appearances during her year of reign.

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### **About Katrin Lang, German Wine Queen 2022/2023**

Age: 23

Profession: Winemaker - Bachelor's Degree in Viticulture and Oenology, employed at Weingut Zähringer, Heitersheim

As a vintner's daughter, she has been familiar with working in the vineyard since early childhood. During the queen competition, she scored points with her spontaneity and knowledge in the competition with the five young vintners and with the President of the German Sommelier Union, Peer Holm.

#### **What are your hobbies?**

I play tenor horn in two music clubs in my home community and in my neighboring village. The community in the club is very important for me, it is great fun to play music together. Music connects people, just like the passion for German wine. A bottle of wine is a must during a long hike in our beautiful homeland. I like to go for walks with my friends and explore Germany! As an oenology student, wine tasting is also my hobby in a way. I love discovering new wines and could talk about wine for hours.

#### **What is your favorite wine?**

For me, there is no one favorite wine. I like the variety that our German wines have to offer. I especially like the Pinot Blanc. The wines can be tangy and fresh, but they can also be a real stunner when aged in wood! I find the facets of the Weißburgunder very exciting. In addition, the Pinot Blanc is a real all-rounder and can be super combined with any food. The winegrowers of Germany are really good at it and always manage to bring the special features of our vineyards into the glass.

#### **What are you looking forward to during your term?**

I am looking forward to discovering all of Germany and tasting many good wines! I am looking forward to the many encounters with the local winegrowers and I would like to hear about their stories and their passion for winegrowing. As German Wine Queen, I would like to share these stories with the winegrowers. I would like to inspire people for German wine and bring them closer to my homeland and my own passion for viticulture and wine. I would be delighted if people are as enthusiastic about drinking one of our many German wines as I am.

#### **What would you like to convey during your tenure?**

With every glass of wine, you can tell a story. I want to tell the stories of the winemakers behind the wine and give them a face. As a trained winemaker, I know how much work each individual puts into their product so that we can drink such great and unique wines. This craft is something very special and is part of our culture. During my term of office, I would like to bring people closer to our culture and show them how much passion and pride our winemakers take in their work every year. It is important to me that the German wines, but also our beautiful landscape, are appreciated.

## About Jessica Himmelsbach Baden Wine Queen for 2022/2023

Age: 27

Profession: Winemaker – Bachelor's Degree in International Business and Oenology, employed at Julius Zott KG, Heitersheim

### **What hobbies do you have?**

I am an absolutely home and family-loving person. I often enjoy spending my free time in our fruit and vegetable garden. After the work is done, of course, a good glass of wine with home-baked bread or a home-cooked, regional dish with my family is a must. Together with my boyfriend, I love rediscovering our region on all kinds of excursions.

Taking our future into our own hands and helping to shape it is important to me and so I like to get involved in the "Team Weinbau" at the Bund Baden Rural Youth.

### **What's your favorite wine?**

Wine should not be a "standard product", but should reflect its origin. There are countless factors that have an influence on the wine: the soil, the microclimate in the vineyard, the expansion in the cellar, the vintner himself and much more. Wine is as individual as we are and I love it when it shows this and has character. Here you can inspire me equally for sparkling wine, white, rosé and red wine. I particularly enjoy getting to know the very individual wines of the winegrowers, being surprised and inspired and finding the perfect wine for every occasion.

### **What are you looking forward to during your tenure?**

How are you supposed to decide? I look forward to every event and every encounter. During my time as Markgräfler wine princess, I learned that it is often the small, inconspicuous things that shape you and are remembered forever. Of course, I am particularly happy when I can share my enthusiasm and passion for Baden wine with others and "infect" them with it.

### **What would you like to convey during your tenure?**

I have a practical background, am a trained winemaker myself and work in the vineyard most of the time. I know the beautiful, but also very challenging sides of my job. It is extremely important to me to convey this and to make people aware of what is behind every single bottle of wine. How much work, sweat and passion is the basis for our wonderful Baden wines. If I can help people broaden their horizons, change perspectives and show the Baden wine and our winegrowers the appreciation they deserve, to see how influential and important viticulture is for our landscape and culture, then this fills me with infinite joy.

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