

# NIKA SHEVELA

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

*Wine and communication specialist, Nika Shevela offers services ranging from wine tastings to consulting for restaurants and other clients, in English, Spanish, Catalan, French and Russian.*

*She is CEO and founder of Wine Alphabet, a wine events, consultancy and communications project based in Barcelona, Spain, which brings wine lovers into contact with great wines through private and public tastings and wine experiences and counts with a strong online presence @winealphabet*

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

*Spanish Wine Scholar for Wine Educators – 2019*  
Wine Scholar Guild, United States of America  
Pass with Highest Honors

*WSET Level 3 Award in Wine, Wine and Spirit Education Trust - 2019*  
WSET School, London, United Kingdom  
Pass with Merit; theory Pass with Distinction

*Wine tasting course, Level I - 2016*  
ESHOB (Superior culinary, pastry and hospitality school), Barcelona, Spain  
40-hour course focused on wine regions of Spain and tasting techniques

*Wine tasting course, Level II - 2017*  
ESHOB (Superior culinary, pastry and hospitality school), Barcelona, Spain  
30-hour course focused on international wine regions

*Specialized courses on Catalan wine - 2015-2017*  
Espai del vi català, Barcelona, Spain

*Certified Cava instructor – 2018*  
Institut del Cava, Sant Sadurní d'Anoia, Spain

*Canary Wine Ambassador - 2019*  
Canary Islands, Spain  
First Russian sommelier to obtain the certification

*BA in Translation and Interpreting - 2005-2009*  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain  
Major in Spanish, Catalan, English and Russian

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Wine educator*

Rack and Return, Barcelona, Spain

November 2019 - present

- Deliver WSET Level 1 and Level 2 in Wine programmes, primarily in Spanish language, with the first courses due to start in the beginning of 2020
- Deliver Spanish Wine Scholar programme, with the first course due to start in the third semester of 2020

### *Consulting sommelier*

Iradier group restaurants, Barcelona, Spain

October 2017 - present

- Create wine lists from scratch, including developing the supply chain and liaising with a dozen of major wine suppliers.
- Conduct staff training tastings, as well as wine fair and local vineyards visits.
- Communicate with customers to suggest customized wine pairings matching general menu and daily specials.

### *Freelance sommelier*

Range of hospitality establishments in the city, such Josep Grau and Vinateria Rosaluna wine bistros, Vivinos and Vins&Co wine merchants, Sir Victor hotel, Casa Bonay Hotel, Soho House Barcelona, Wanderbeak gastronomic tours company and others in Barcelona, Spain

May 2017 - present

- Conduct public wine tastings and wine events, in Spanish, Catalan, Russian and English
- Assist with private wine events and wine dinners, selecting wines and providing sommelier services
- Develop wine experiences for clients, including wine walks and private wine tours in the city

### *Freelance translator and interpreter*

March 2008 - May 2017, Barcelona, Spain

- Translate digital and print promotional materials for major wine producers in Spain, and some smaller wineries in France, from Spanish, Catalan and French into Russian and English
- Interpret during professional winery visits from Spanish and Catalan into Russian and English