

DEBORAH BRENNER

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Deborah Brenner is the Founder & CEO of [Women of the Vine & Spirits®](#) (WOTVS), an all-encompassing global membership organization dedicated to boldly pushing the wine, beer and spirits industry toward a more diverse, equitable and inclusive era that empowers all to succeed. She is also the President of the Women of the Vine & Spirits Foundation, 501(c)3, which provides scholarships for the purpose of helping women advance their careers in the food, wine, spirits, beer, and hospitality industries through education, leadership, and professional development. Known for her entrepreneurial spirit and enthusiasm for social equality, Deborah is constantly strategizing and advocating for a more diverse, equitable and inclusive alcohol beverage industry.

KEY INITIATIVES

- [WOTVS Foundation, 501\(c\)3](#)
- [WOTVS Foundation Assistance Program](#)
- [WOTVS C-Suite: Women Behind the Brands](#)
- [WOTVS Certified Women Owned Program](#)
- [WOTVS Pledge of Commitment to End Workplace Harassment](#)
- [Badass Bartender®](#)

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INDUSTRIES

- Alcohol Beverage
- Hospitality
- Restaurant
- Retail

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- The importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DE&I) and why it is imperative for business development & innovation (BD&I)
- Women in the workplace: Fostering gender diversity and feeding the talent pipeline
- Woman owned business and entrepreneurship
- Engaging male allies in critical conversations
- Mentorship: If you can't see it, you can't be it
- Fostering community and leading through challenging times

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- University of Delaware Horn Entrepreneurship Honor Circle of Inspiring & Innovative Women Amber L. Glassman Inspiration Award (2021)
- *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* Wine Star Award Social Visionary of the Year Recipient (2018)
- *Wine Enthusiast Magazine* Wine Star Award Person of the Year Nominee (2017)
- American Cancer Society Dr. Louis Berger Award (2017)
- Author of *Women of the Vine: Inside the World of Women Who Make, Taste and Enjoy Wine* - Named "Critical Read" by *Wine Spectator Magazine* (2007)

"Deborah Brenner, with the faith of the wine and spirits industry behind her, has sparked a revolution with Women of the Vine & Spirits."

Cynthia Lohr
Chief Brand Officer & Co-Owner
J. Lohr Vineyards & Wines