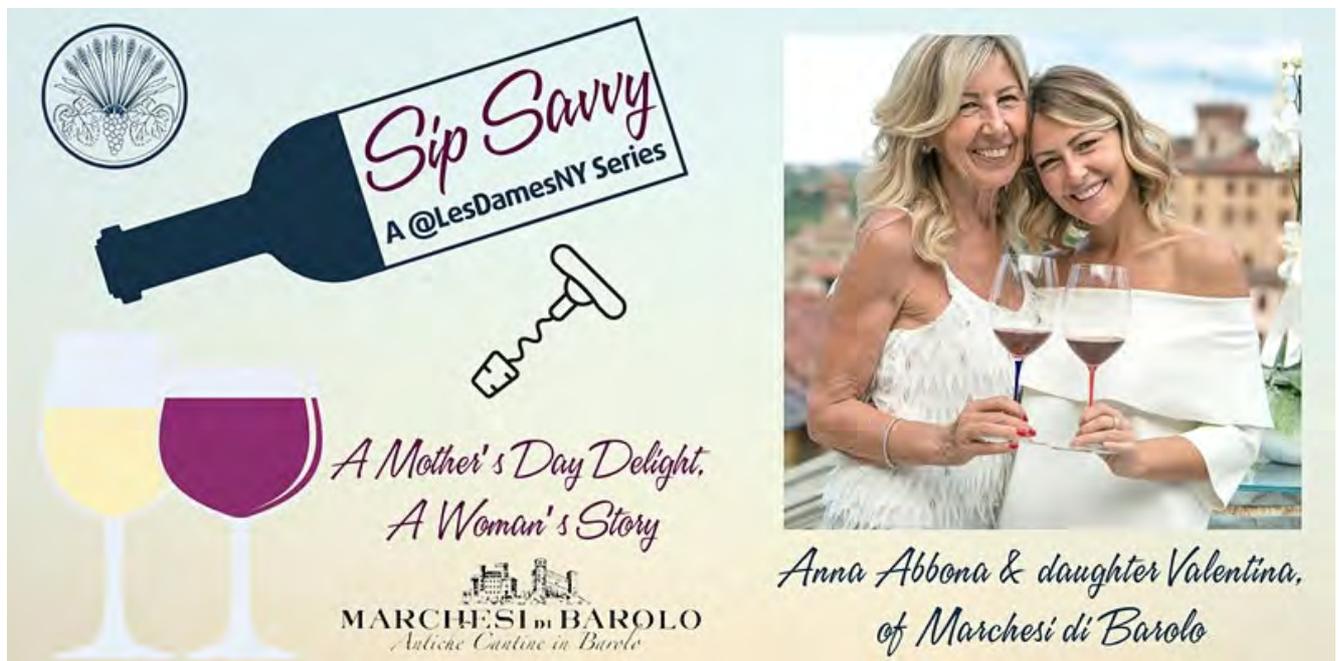


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## LES DAMES NY PRESENTS: SIP SAVVY. A MOTHER'S DAY DELIGHT, A WOMAN'S STORY.

by Les Dames New York



**Led by Dame Marika Vida, learn the history of one of the most storied cellars of Barolo, Marchesi di Barolo.**

### About this Event

Thanks to a woman—the Marchesa di Barolo, Giulia Falletti—Barolo became famous in the early 1800's and today, the tradition is carried on by

Anna and daughter Valentina Abbona, the current owners of the famed winery.

Taste with us virtually! Their chef has created food pairings that will take us through the cuisine of Piemonte, matched to these highly rated wines: Roero Arneis, Barbera d'Alba Peiragal, Langhe Nebbiolo Sbirolo and Barolo del Commune di Barolo. If you would like to taste along, the wines can be found at [reservebar.com](https://reservebar.com). At the end there will be a raffle to win a bottle of Marchesi di Barolo Wine. Must be over 21 to participate in this event.



**ANNA ABBONA Marchesi di Barolo IG @marchesibarolo FB @marchesibarolo**

Anna Abbona when very young married Ernesto Abbona, President of **Marchesi di Barolo**; after the marriage, she combined her activity of house wife with another independent job, but after few years she had the opportunity and the need to cooperate with her husband to restore and design the reception area of Marchesi di Barolo cellars, and to create a restaurant activity where very professional tastings could take place, matching our wines with typical Italian cuisine dishes.

Anna accepted with enthusiasm this new task and, in order to improve her skills in this sector, she entered the "Movimento del Turismo del Vino" (Movement of Wine Tourism), where the President, Mrs. Donatella Cinelli Colombini with her extraordinary way of working, involved and convinced Anna to take on the vice-presidency of this Organization, appointing her to create the "Guida del Movimento del Turismo del Vino" (= Guide of the Movement of the Wine Tourism), issued by T.C.I. In those years the presence of women in "wine world" was developing more and more.

After the beginning of the cooperation with "Movimento del Turismo del Vino", thanks to her great character and hardworking skills, she distinguished herself with the nomination of "Woman of Wine", entering the "Associazione delle Donne del Vino" (Women of Wine Association).

**VALENTINA ABBONA Marchesi di Barolo IG @marchesibarolo FB @marchesibarolo**

Valentina Abbona, 6th generation at Cantine dei Marchesi di Barolo together with her brother Davide, lives a passionate and profound relationship with wine, which for her is emotion, feeling, history, terroir and - above all - home. Her experience begins in her family's cellars - a plunge to the heart every time she returns from long journeys - and it is here that the operativity of her daily work grows. After graduating from the Liceo Scientifico in Alba, she moved to Milan where she attended the Bocconi University, where she graduated in Business and Economics.

Meanwhile she was attending university, she also accompanies her mother Anna on her numerous business trips all around the world, which allow her to get to know and deepen her knowledge of the subject of wine with the help of the most diverse perspectives and to exploit them in the perfect crossroads of tradition and innovation represented today by Marchesi di Barolo. Today, Valentina is one of the two female faces of Marchesi di

Barolo, together with her mother Anna they carry on the dream of a great woman: Juliette Colbert de Maulévrier, descendant of the Minister of Finance of the Sun King and connoisseur of good wine. Having moved to the Marquis Carlo Tancredi Falletti's estate after her wedding, Juliette immediately sensed the potential of the grapes grown in Barolo: her vision and perception of our lands gave rise to what is now considered the king of wines and, not by chance, the wine of kings.





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Over the past two decades, Marika Vida-Arnold has served as the Wine Director of the Ritz-Carlton Central Park, New York, Sommelier of the top-rated Laurent Tourondel Bistro, BLT Market and Sommelier for the Philadelphia Ritz-Carlton with 'Top Chef' winner Kevin Sbraga. She developed the opening wine program at 10Arts with Chef Eric Ripert and Chef Jennifer Carroll. Her most recent project is the critically acclaimed Phenomenal Femmes Program, which focuses on female winemakers from around the globe. It has been featured in Bloomberg, Forbes, Haute Living, Gotham, The Somm Journal and The Wine Enthusiast. She holds titles of Certified Sommelier with the Court of Master Sommeliers and the American Sommelier Association. She is a Certified Specialist of Wine with the Society of Wine Educators and holds the Advanced Certificate for the Wine and Spirits Education Trust. Marika has been a Wine Educator for the famed Argentine Winery Catena Zapata and she is a member of the Full Circle Sommelier Network, working with Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein. She is a presenter for Wine Australia and the Australian Women in Wine Awards. Under the auspices of her own company Vida et Fils Marika works with corporate clients, presenting for special events. Clients include Glaxo-Smith-Kline, NYSE, Prologis, IMG, R.R. Donnelley, Acuris among many notable others. She is currently a Wine Educator for the International Law Firm Milbank Tweed Hadley & McCoy. She has served on Eric Asimov's Tasting Panel for the New York Times and been featured on Barrons.com for romantic wine picks. She is a freelance wine writer and a presenter at the Nantucket, Newport, Charleston and Destin Food and Wine Festivals. Additionally in our challenged year of 2020, Marika created a very succesLIVE series on Instagram with her trademarked name TheMomSomm. She is focused on interviewing moms in all aspects of the wine business.

This event is hosted by Dame Marika Vida and Dame Francine Kowalsky

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the LDNY Scholarship Fund

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