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### **New MW brings Berrys' total to six**

Berry Bros. & Rudd now boasts a total of six Masters of Wine, following the news that one of the three new Masters of Wine to join the Institute this year is from the UK's oldest wine merchant.

Catriona Felstead MW, a marketing manager at Berry Bros. & Rudd, passed all three elements of the notoriously difficult examination first time.

Catriona, aged 36, who was born in Reading, is a graduate of St Andrew's University, where she studied French and Spanish. She started her working life in a Spanish petrochemical company before her love of wine led her into the wine trade first with Oddbins and with Berry Bros. & Rudd, where she has worked for the last five years.

Catriona says: *"I am thrilled that four years of hard work and sacrifice has paid off.*

*"I thought that studying for the exams while pregnant was tough – but trying to concentrate on a dissertation with a new baby was a real challenge.*

*"I am so grateful to everyone who has supported me during this time."*

Berry Bros. & Rudd now boasts six Masters of Wine amongst its staff. There are only 300 in the world.

Lynne Sherriff MW, chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine, said: *"They have displayed all the qualities that make our members so special: talent, application, the ability to think differently and communicate effectively, and obviously the love of wine that unites us all.*

*"They collectively represent the best of the Masters of Wine in their breadth of experience both within and without the wine trade, and the international perspective that they bring us."*

Alun Griffiths MW, Berrys' Buying Director, adds: *"At BBR we take pride in the wine education and training opportunities we give to our staff so we are delighted to learn of Catriona's success. It's a brilliant achievement for her to pass both papers at the first attempt and to complete the dissertation in the face of considerable distractions! "*

Catriona will be formally welcomed into The Institute of Masters of Wine at a ceremony in the Vintners' Hall, London, during the Institute's Annual Reception on 6th November 2012.