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### **Bâtonnage Forum Opens Applications for 2023 Harvest Internship at Burgundy's Domaine Dujac**

*Nonprofit organization partners with historic Burgundy domaine to offer harvest internship for mentees in Level Three of mentorship program*

NAPA, CA, February 13, 2023—Bâtonnage Forum, a nonprofit organization aimed at opening up a conversation about women in wine and fostering opportunities that create equity, is now accepting applications for a harvest internship at [Domaine Dujac](#). Launched in partnership with the historic domaine, the harvest internship is available as a Level Three opportunity of the Bâtonnage [Mentorship Program](#). The program equips candidates to enter and grow in the wine industry by creating hands-on work opportunities to further their careers.

The internship will include a week-long introduction to Burgundy at the [CFPPA](#) in Beaune followed by approximately three weeks of harvest work at Domaine Dujac during which the mentee will gain experience in winery preparation, vineyard sampling, picking, fermentation, and pressing. The internship will also include a week-long educational experience with the esteemed François Frères cooperage, various tastings and interactions with local industry professionals, as well as additional opportunities organized with partners around Burgundy. Financial support will be provided to offset costs incurred by the candidate, including travel expenses.

Domaine Dujac was founded in 1967 by Jacques Seysses, and the Seysses family has been crafting beautiful wines since 1969. The program will include personal mentorship by Diana Snowden Seysses, the enologist for Domaine Dujac in Burgundy, as well as the winemaker at Snowden Vineyards and Ashes and Diamonds in Napa Valley. She is also a consultant to Provence's Domaine des Triennes and a climate activist.

"We're proud to support the Bâtonnage Forum mentorship program with this coveted spot on our 2023 winery team," said Snowden Seysses. "We can't wait to welcome the selected candidate to Burgundy, one of the world's most inspiring wine regions."

Level Three of the Bâtonnage Mentorship Program builds upon the networking, guidance, and education offered in Levels One and Two to give mentees a more in-depth, career enhancing experience. With all Level Three placements, the program aims to provide access to departmental heads and exposure to hands-on work, while providing an environment where mentees feel empowered to ask questions, grow, and gain full operational knowledge.

"This is our third Level Three placement and the first international opportunity for our mentees," said Priyanka French, Bâtonnage Mentorship Program Director. "We're grateful to Domaine Dujac and Diana for partnering with us to create such an educational, intensive internship."

The job placement will take place between August and October 2023, with exact dates to be announced. Interested candidates may apply through the [online form](#) now until February 20, 2023.

Mentee nomination and selection of three final candidates will occur on February 24, followed by interviews on February 27. Bâtonnage Forum and Domaine Dujac will announce the selected candidate during the week of March 6.

Candidates should be currently enrolled in or have completed a degree relating to viticulture and enology. Candidates must have worked at least two winery harvests and must have forklift experience. Forklift certification is required (uncertified candidates will receive assistance from Bâtonnage Forum in pursuing their certification prior to the start of the internship).

Please visit [batonnageforum.com/mentorship-level-3](https://batonnageforum.com/mentorship-level-3) for additional background, criteria, and other Level Three opportunities. For media inquiries, please contact Katie Canfield at [katie@odonnell-lane.com](mailto:katie@odonnell-lane.com) or 530-720-1138.

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### **About Bâtonnage Forum**

Founded in 2018 by Stevie Stacionis and Sarah Bray, Bâtonnage Forum is a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering a community for all those who identify as women working in the wine industry. In addition to the annual forum—which educates about the unique challenges and opportunities that women in the field have faced historically and present-day—the platform encompasses a mentorship program, designed to create a positive course forward wherein individuals who have traditionally been overlooked or spoken over achieve equal opportunities and equal representation across all sectors and tiers of the industry. For more information and to join the conversation, visit [batonnageforum.com](https://batonnageforum.com).

### **About Domaine Dujac**

Created by Jacques Seysses in 1968, the Dujac estate has grown from 5 to 17.5 hectares in the reputable Côte de Nuits and Côte de Beaune regions of Burgundy. The second generation—brothers Jeremy and Alec Seysses and Jeremy’s wife Diana—now look after the family vineyards. Together the three of them remain committed to the same quality approach as Jacques and Rosalind, seeking to develop the vineyard through responsible vineyard techniques that led to the estate’s certification for organic farming in 2011.

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