



Teas of the World - International Contest AVPA-Paris 2023

AVPA TEA JURIES PRESENTATION

Carine Baudry

"Teas of the World" Jury President



A specialist in aroma / flavour, graduated from the ISIPCA, she is an expert taster specialized in the field of tea and infusions for more than fifteen years. She creates a method where the olfactory approach is at the center of the training and develops a sensory and descriptive dialectic of teas. She established La QuintEssence, a company specializing in sensory expertise, tasting support and the selection of quality products. She works as an international expert on development projects with numerous producer countries such as Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, etc. She plays an active role in the work of the Agence pour la Valorisation des Produits Agricoles-AVPA as president of the jury for the teas and infusions of the world contest.

Florian Aumaire

A real tea enthusiast, he has been working in this field for 17 years. After more than seven years at *Palais des Thés*, and six at *Parti du Thé*, he left Paris for the city of Lyon and founded *Thés sur Terre* 3 years ago. In 2018, he won the Tea Masters Cup in France and placed 3rd in the same competition worldwide in the "TMC Tea Pairing" category, where competitors compete in the art of creating gourmet compositions using tea. A category that perfectly reflects his philosophy of tea. *"For me, tea is a gastronomic product, comparable to wine for its diversity of flavors linked to the terroirs in which it is produced"*. Florian Aumaire completed the AVPA Jury team in 2022.



Barbara Dufrene

After involving herself in the tea and coffee industry since more than 30 years, by representing the interests of the EU stakeholders with the Brussels authorities, and FAO, ICO, Codex and ISO. Today, after retiring, she has continued to share her experience and expertise as tea expert and free-lance tea writer. She has visited most of the producing countries @teafriendsbd @friendsandcups

Arnaud Dhénin

Regularly working in the field alongside independent producers whose work and harvests he monitors year after year, Arnaud is committed to democratizing responsible, high-quality tea in France, certified "organic" wherever possible. Also, a "nose" for L'Autre Thé, he creates, like a perfumer, the original recipes for our infusions and flavored teas. His expertise is recognized in the world of tea: for the past 5 years, he has officiated as a judge for the AVPA International World Tea Competition, is a member of the Collège Culinaire de France and is regularly called upon by chefs to create tea pairings and desserts.





Lydia Gautier

An agricultural engineer, she worked in French and South American vineyards before specializing in tea in 1995. A consultant for international brands, she transmits her passion to the public and professionals through books, events and training. She works in support of producers and NGOs for the development of production channels. She builds a special bond with authentic and ethical tea producers and creates new recipes from blends of plants and natural aromas. A pioneer in the tea sommelier, she runs the brand @lydiagautier.thes.tisanes.

María Kockmann

Certified tea sommelier, currently based in Brussels, is a consultant for tea counters in France and Belgium where she oversees selection, sourcing, range creation, quality control, organic certification and product development. Trained in Europe and Latin America, she specializes in African tea and rooibos. Of South American origin, she participated in the development of the gourmet tea program in the province of Misiones in Argentina, and in promoting maté tasting in Europe.



Katrin Rougeventre

Graduated from the Institute of Oriental Languages in Paris, and the University of Nanjing in China, she has devoted the vast majority of her time for nearly 40 years to research on Chinese tea. She works with small producers in China and helps promote their work through training and conferences on tea. She is the author of *L'Empire du thé, le guide des thés de Chine*, a book published in 2017 and which is a reference in the world of tea. @teasaneby

Jeremy Tamen

Tea expert, Founding President of the *Association des Producteurs de Thé Français* @anvptf and consultant for tea houses, he sources teas and raw materials from their origins. He develops and creates fragrances and beverages for various tea and infusion houses. Originally from the south of France, not far from Grasse, he grew up between sea and mountains, lavender, and sea spray. Today, he collaborates with perfume houses and perfumers on the research and development of new products. Jeremy has forged close ties with tea and plant producers. He also provides training in tasting and sensory analysis, and in the history of perfume plants.

