

## **Short profile**

### **Susanne Rost-Aoki**

German Sake-Expert and owner of SAKE KONTOR in Berlin

Born in Giessen, Germany. Lives in Berlin with her Japanese husband.

Studied opera-directing at the University for Music and Theatre in Hamburg and worked many years in the opera-business in Germany and Switzerland.

On a journey to Japan in summer 2004 fascinated by a first glass of Daiginjo-Sake. Founded her company "Sake Kontor" in October 2004 as an importer, wholesaler, online-retailer and consultant to make Japanese Premium Sake available in Germany and spread Japanese sake-culture.

2007 and 2008 completed John Gauntners Sake Professional Courses in Tokyo as certified SEC Advanced Professional, on both levels I and II.

In October 2010 opened her store "Sake Kontor" in Berlin Friedrichshain, the first dedicated sake-store in Germany. Providing sake-trainings and tastings for professionals and consumers.

In December 2012 author of the first German language sake-book "Sake - Drink of the Gods" (in German "Das Getraenk der Goetter") in cooperation with publisher 99pages. Several awards for this book (National Gourmand Award Wine Books 2012; Silver World Gourmand Award 2013; Silvermedal at literary competition of GAD German Academy for Gastronomy).

Susanne Rost-Aoki received the Sake Contributor Award by International Wine Challenge and Sake Samurai Association in July 2013 as well as the WSET Level 3 Award in Sake.

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