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Questionnaire:

- Where and how did you get the wine bug?
 - **On the waves of the aroma and taste of wine, it's possible to sail through all wine regions, if the wine from that region is in your glass. Through wine, every meal of mine became an adventure that I surrendered to and thoroughly enjoyed. I am the third generation of restaurateurs, and I can confidently say that wine runs in my veins.**
- Your first encounter with German wines?
 - **During the 1980s, my father often worked in Germany as a waiter, and he would always return from his trips with an abundance of gifts. He would bring German wines, which he and his colleagues would taste together. On one occasion, he said to me, "You're young, but you have to try this." It was a late harvest Riesling... and that's how my love and respect for exceptional German Rieslings began.**
- What is your favourite story to tell about German/VDP.wine – did you have highly emotional experience with our wines / producers?
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- How many bottles of German wine/VDP.wines do you have in your cellar?
 - **Among the wines from around the world that are in my wine cellar, VDP wines are the only ones from Germany, and they make up 17% of the total.**
- What is your favourite vineyard in Germany – and why?
 - **There is a saying in my country, Serbia; "There is no forgetting the first love" that it is the Mosel wine region. Mosel Valley produces some of the best expressions of Riesling in the world noted for their crisp floral character and great acidity. Also, these are very gastronomic wines and wines with excellent potential for aging in the bottle.**
- If it comes to German grape varieties, what is your favourite? Riesling, Spätburgunder or other?
 - **Riesling**