

*tamae imachi: the boss*

**1963** *in january, the pearl is born in tokyo, tama, meaning pearl in japanese, and what a gem she is!! daughter of hiroshi and chie*

**1986** *she finished her phd in japanese literature from the university of kokugakin, tokyo. her dream is to become a librarian.*

**1987 . 1995** *nobody really knows what she did during these eight years; there seems to be no record of activities. was she shopping? taking a long vacation...? all women have a mystery or two.*

**1995 . 1997** *in her native tokyo, she made her first contact with the oenology world through the champagne firm veuve clicquot*

**1998 . 2000** *due to her passion for spanish wines, she moved to spain to become a sommelier, obtaining her degree from the chamber of commerce and industry of madrid.*

*she took a specialized course in wines and spirits at the escola de restauració i hostalatge de barcelona (hotel and restaurant trade school in barcelona).*

*she participated in the wine harvesting and carried out analytical work in fernando remírez de ganuza's wine cellar..*

**2000 . 2001** *el corte inglés' gourmets club: wine cellar management and sales.*

**2001 . 2002** *she leaves madrid to come to barcelona and stick to alcohol for good, moving further and further away from her dream of becoming a librarian. oh pearl, what made you come to spain? she begins working at D.O wine bar as sommelier and manager.*

**2002 . 2004** *where is a japanese girl, sommelier and spanish wine lover supposed to end up? at elBulli, where else? she stayed as a sommelier during three years, side by side with ferran centellas, lucas payà, david seijas and juli soler...elBullivi!! (the Bulliwine)*

**2005 . 2006** *after her experience at elBulli, she decides that the restaurant industry is not for her (if only she had been able to sleep a bit more...) so she begins working as a sommelier in the wine stores la cave and lavinia selección.*

**2007** *sabbatical year; no comments*

**2008** *manager at dos palillos!!!*

