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Brown's Vineyard



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Located just off the main street in Portlaoise, Brown's Vineyard has always been in Barbara Brown's family but it hasn't always stocked wine.

In 1945, Barbara's grandfather opened the shop as a greengrocers and then her father took over, selling seasonal fruit and veg and a range of delicatessen products.

Barbara always had a passion for good food and wine and when she saw an opportunity to expand the family business, she took it.

After commuting to her job with Diageo for seven years, she bit the bullet and opened Brown's Vineyard in 2015.

The ethos of Barbara's shop is to stock good-quality affordable wines not found in supermarkets. By hosting a thriving monthly wine club, clients can experience and educate themselves on new wines.

She is WSET Level 3 (Merit) Qualified. ACORNS has been a key driver in Barbara's business growth. It has kept her on track and, with the support of her lead mentor and fellow participants, has encouraged her to continue to innovate. She continues to look at new ways to keep the business unique.

Providing early stage female entrepreneurs, living in rural Ireland, with the knowledge, support and networking opportunities to meet and even exceed their current aspirations.



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