

# nomande dlamini

## sommelier

### BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL SOMMELIER

Nomande hails from Mpopomeni in the Natal Midlands. Her first job was at the Botanical Gardens Cafe as a trainee. This was her first taste of the hospitality industry, and she instantly knew engaging and pleasing people was what she wanted to do.

It was only when she joined the upmarket fine dining restaurant of Traffords in Pietermaritzburg, that she was given an opportunity of learning about wines. This was life changing.

A polite, well spoken and hardworking young lady, Nomande believes she has found her calling in 'wines'. As a waitress she has been introduced to pairing wine with dishes and wishes to follow this passion as a career. Her eyes light up with the mention of wine in conversation or debates. She has a natural talent for wine pairing and a huge appetite for learning 'all things wine.' Nomande achieved her WSET 1 and WSET 2, and is presently studying WSET 3.

When the owners of Traffords closed their doors to immigrate to Australia Nomande seized the opportunity to move to uMhlanga and join the Beverly Hills hotel. She has a knack of building relationships with guests, and with her effervescent personality, welcomes return guests by name. She is keen to increase her work experience and knowledge of food and wine. She is motivated, self-disciplined and is a great team player with a strong work ethic.

