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SPIRITED ENTREPRENEURS

Lisa Srao is the Chairman and MD of I Brands Beverages, a leading manufacturer and distributer of international alcoholic beverages. Probably the only woman in the country to run a spirits business of this scale, Lisa, with four spirit brands in her stable-Three Royals Whisky, Granton Whisky, Rum 99 and Granton Brandy-now has a business that spans the length and breadth of India. Shaambhavi Hingorani holds the distinction of being the first woman wine entrepreneur in the country. Her SDU winery is a boutique winery that crafts wine for the first-time drinker. SDU's Deva wines are new world wines and are the result of a life-long passion nurtured by Shaambhavi. Uma Chigurupati, founder-director of KRSMA estates, is one half of the couple behind KRSMA wines. Uma's fondness for growing plants drew her to viticulture. As the head of their pharmaceutical business, Uma has travelled to many wine regions. She personally samples fruit from their vineyards to determine when it is ready for harvest. "In all KRSMA wines, we let the grapes speak," says Uma. Salute to these spirited women.