Description

This course provides specialist knowledge of the principal wines and spirits of the world. It applies the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) systematic approach to the professional evaluation of wines and spirits.

Learn to interpret information, develop a thorough understanding of market trends and make management decisions in a variety of trade and industry sectors within global and domestic markets.

Holders of the WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits will be able to:

- identify characteristics of the principal wines and spirits of the world
- make informed assessments of a product’s quality and value
- Identify appropriate opportunities for the products within a given market.

The Level 4 Diploma is WSET’s flagship qualification. The qualification is designed to prepare people for responsible jobs within the wine and spirit business. The course will not only develop product knowledge to a specialist level, but will also enable students to acquire skills that will continue to be of use beyond the course. The course is taught by industry experts including Masters of Wine and Diploma Graduate that have up to date knowledge of international wines and spirits.

The course is suitable for people within the industry either working in or wishing to progress into management roles and for the serious wine enthusiast wishing to build on knowledge gained at advanced level and acquires expertise in wine tasting. The WSET Diploma is viewed universally as the stepping-stone to the Master of Wine qualification.

Participants will be expected to spread their study over two consecutive years; participants will need to take on substantial amounts of self-study in addition to the course hours. (A minimum of 7 hours per week of private study)

Content

Unit 1 - The Business of Wine
Unit 2 - Wine Production
Unit 3 - Light Wines of the World
Unit 4 - Spirits of the World
Unit 5 - Sparkling Wines of the World
Unit 6 - Fortified Wines of the World

Units 1 & 2 must be studied at the beginning of the program as they provide the knowledge required to complete the assessments in the product-knowledge units.

Entry Requirements

Participants must be 18 years old or older to comply with the NSW Liquor Act.

Participants must hold the WSET Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Wines & Spirits or a WSET approved local equivalent.
Award
All candidates will receive a results letter on completion of an entire unit. For successful candidates, this will be a record of achievement issued by WSET.

Students who pass all unit examinations will receive a WSET Diploma suitable for framing and a lapel pin.

Examinations & Assessments
Refer to WSET diploma specifications located on the Sydney Wine Academy Website for information.

Examination dates are set by WSET in London and will be available in early 2013 for the calendar year.

Unit 2 must be completed before continuing on to units 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Dates
4 February 2013 – January 2015

(Please note that examinations are only conducted during the day at times directed by WSET)

Cost
$7700.00

The cost covers:
- Candidate registration with WSET London
- 6 professional wine tasting glasses
- Admission to the Diploma Assessment Preparation Scheme (DAPS)
- Student membership to Institute of Wines and Spirits via the Global Campus for three years
- Complete WSET Study Materials for Units 1 – 6 including the Oxford Companion to Wine by J. Robinson
- All examination fees (but not examination re-sit fees)
- Tasting samples for tutorials
- Tuition
- Access to on-line learning
- College services (contact the Sydney Wine Academy for details)

Registration and Payment
Complete the TAFE Plus Registration Form and attach your payment.

Payments can be made by credit card, cheque or money order. Cash cannot be accepted. See registration form for details. Registration and payment must be received to confirm your position in the course.

Paying by Instalments
The Sydney Wine Academy accepts payment in full or by four instalments. For details please call (02) 9448 6369.

Paying by instalments is not progression payment and you are required to make full payment even if you have stopped participating in the course.
Terms and Conditions

- Full payment or first instalment registration and payment are required to confirm your place and must be received before registrations close – we do not accept registrations without payment.
- Cancellations advised in writing, more than ten working days prior to course commencement are eligible for a refund less study material and a 10% administration fee of the full course price. No refunds are made for cancellations advised within ten working days of the course commencement.
- Course fees cannot be refunded to participants who are unable to attend classes for reasons beyond our control.
- Courses are run subject to demand. If there are insufficient numbers, courses may be cancelled or deferred. If a course is cancelled you are entitled to a refund excluding the cost of study materials issued.
- Participants wishing to pay via instalments must complete the paying by Instalment Plan form and agree to the terms and conditions.
- Examination dates are fixed. Participants unable to sit for a unit examination/submission must inform the Sydney Wine Academy in writing prior to the examination/submission. Additional fees may apply.
- Participants wishing to defer their course due to circumstances beyond their control will be considered by the Sydney Wine Academy on a case by case basis. Deferral requests must be submitted in writing.
- Information is accurate at time of publication and subject to change anytime without notification.