

The WSET® Level 4 Diploma Certificate in Wines and Spirits



The **Level 4 Diploma** is WSET's flagship qualification. The qualification is designed to prepare people for responsible jobs within the wine and spirits 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, many are Masters of Wine, all will have up to date knowledge of contemporary issues related to wines and spirits.

The course is suitable for those within the trade 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 acquire further expertise in wine tasting.

The WSET Diploma is viewed universally as the stepping-stone to the Master of Wine qualification.

The Level 3 Advanced Certificate is the required entry qualification for anyone wishing to enrol on the Diploma course.

The Diploma consists of six units and requires a student to prove competency through a variety of assessment methods. Course programmes will prepare students for their examinations through an integrated programme of lectures, tastings, tutorials, feedback tests and essays.

The Diploma course is a blend of taught time, assessment and self-study and requires substantial commitment outside the classroom.

- **Unit 1** The Global Business of Alcoholic Beverages
- **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 (Liqueur) Wines of the World

Contact your local Approved Programme Provider for details of costs and dates/times of courses.

The WSET® Level 5 Honours Diploma in Wines and Spirits



The WSET Level 5 Honours Diploma is an individual research project that **enables students to develop skills in research, evaluation and analysis in a wine- and spirit-related subject of their choice.**

A student submitting a research project of between 4,000 and 5,000 words will be required to demonstrate the ability to carry out an in-depth, extensive study by:

- selecting an appropriate subject for in-depth, extensive study
- submitting an outline proposal for review
- carrying out a literature review of the subject area chosen
- planning and investigation
- presenting information in a suitable format
- managing own time to meet objectives.

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The WSET® Global Campus and the Institute of Wines & Spirits

The Global Campus is an essential communication platform for WSET students, Approved Programme Providers and Recommended Tutors, with each group having its own password-protected area within the WSET website. The GLOBAL CAMPUS also contains our membership area: the Institute of Wine & Spirits, which is the area devoted to graduates of the WSET Diploma.



Upon successfully passing the WSET Diploma, candidates are eligible to become an Associate member of the Institute of Wines & Spirits. This entitles them to use the letters AIWS after their name, giving them the professional recognition that they deserve. Certificates are issued each year upon membership renewal.

Membership fees are subject to renewal annually, and benefits and services currently include:

- free access to statistical and marketing data
- free access to the discussion forum
- free e-newsletter
- events diary
- substantial subscription discounts to www.just-drinks.com and www.jancisrobinson.com
- online job site
- wine and spirit tours
- seminars and tastings



...thanks to the Wine & Spirit Education Trust, my education in wine at least started out in a miraculously methodical manner.

My experience of their courses between 1976 and 1978 gave me a sure foundation in this wonderful world of wine.

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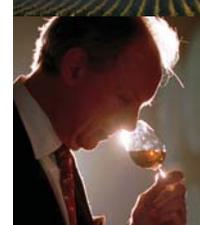
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Courses and Qualifications

A Guide to the Wine & Spirit Education Trust

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Welcome to the Wine & Spirit Education Trust



The WSET® exists to promote, provide and develop high quality education and sought-after qualifications in wines and spirits for those in the wine and spirit trade (or intending to join it) as well as for the interested consumer.

We design courses, produce teaching and learning materials, set examinations and operate through a network of Approved Programme Providers (APPs) around the world.

In this pamphlet you will find details of the courses and qualifications we offer – we have nearly 300 APPs who are licensed to run our programmes across the world – but please bear in mind that not all APPs are accredited to run all our courses. Details of courses available at your local APP can be found in the ‘where to study’ section of the WSET website: www.wset.co.uk or www.wsetinternational.com

Last year over 17,000 students took a WSET qualification across 35 different countries, so I am sure you will be able to find a venue near you, where you can enhance your knowledge of the fascinating world of wines and spirits, and gain an accredited qualification from an organisation that has been leading education in this field for nearly forty years!

Whatever you are looking for from us, I hope that we will be able to welcome you onto a WSET programme very soon – you only have to contact us here in London or contact your nearest APP.

Ian Harris *Chief Executive*

The WSET® Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Wines

This qualification aims to provide basic product knowledge and skills in the service and retail of wine to prepare a person for their first job in hospitality or retail.

This course is also a good introductory first course for the wine enthusiast who wishes to be introduced in a structured way to wine styles, storing and serving of wine, plus food and wine matching.

The qualification introduces candidates to:

- The main styles of wine
- The characteristics of the major grape varieties
- The WSET Level 1 Systematic Approach to Tasting
- Service and retailing of wine
- The matching of food and wine

To gain the Level 1 qualification candidates will be required to:

- Complete a programme of training
- Successfully complete a multiple-choice paper of 30 questions and a portfolio of tasting notes.

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The WSET® Level 2 Intermediate Certificate in Wines and Spirits

The WSET Intermediate Certificate is intended as vocational training in product knowledge for those employed in the drinks industry who have little previous knowledge of wines and spirits.

The course is also appropriate for those not employed in the drinks industry but who have a serious interest in wine, and wish to broaden their knowledge in a structured way.

The Intermediate Certificate course covers the wines and spirits of the world and is followed by a one-hour multiple choice examination. Wine tasting is a part of every class.

Course Programme

- Level 2 Systematic Approach to Tasting and food and wine matching
- Grape growing and wine making
- Key wine- and spirit-producing regions
- Key grape varieties:
Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinot Noir, Syrah and Grenache
- Sparkling and sweet wines
- Fortified wines plus spirits and liqueurs.

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The WSET® Level 2 Professional Certificate in Spirits

The WSET Level 2 Professional Certificate in Spirits is intended to provide a thorough knowledge of spirits and liqueurs to underpin job skills and competencies, for example, in customer service and sales in the hospitality, retail, wholesale and spirits sectors of the industry.

No previous experience in spirits is required and this course is appropriate for students who have a professional interest in spirits, **as well as for those not employed in the drinks industry but who have a serious interest in spirits, and wish to broaden their knowledge in a structured way.**

The Professional Certificate in Spirits covers the history, production and styles of principal spirits and liqueurs of the world. Each session will include a comparative product tasting.

Examination is by a one-hour multiple-choice examination.

Course Programme

- Production of spirits and liqueurs
- The market for spirits and liqueurs
- Service of spirits and liqueurs
- Brandy
- Whiskies
- Gin and other flavoured spirits
- Rum
- Tequila
- Vodka
- Liqueurs

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The WSET® Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Wines and Spirits

The WSET Level 3 Advanced Certificate is intended to provide in-depth knowledge of a wide range of wines and spirits and is open to students who hold the WSET Level 2 Certificate or can demonstrate knowledge at Intermediate level through completion of equivalent courses or sufficient experience in the wine and spirit industry.

This qualification is also suitable for the wine enthusiast wishing to build on knowledge gained at Level 2.

All sessions on the course include tastings.

The Advanced Certificate is a unitised course, covering wines and spirits of the world in considerable depth, and students are required to prove competency in theory and tasting. The examination for the Advanced Certificate is in two parts: a theory examination of 50 multiple-choice questions and four short-answer questions, plus a tasting examination consisting of a blind tasting of one wine.

Course Programme

- Level 3 Systematic Approach to Tasting
- Viticulture and Vinification
- France 1: Bordeaux and South-West France
- France 2: Burgundy and Alsace
- Loire, Rhône and South of France
- Germany, Austria, Hungary, UK
- Italy
- Spain and Portugal
- Eastern Europe, New Zealand and South Africa
- The Americas
- Australia
- Sparkling Wines
- Fortified Wines
- Spirits and Liqueurs

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The WSET® International Higher Certificate in Wines and Spirits

Following the same international syllabus as the Advanced Certificate, and the same new study materials (including the text-book: *Exploring the World of Wines and Spirits*), this is a version of the Advanced Certificate designed for use with languages other than English and German. **This course is a vital progression step for candidates who have studied Intermediate Certificate in other languages.**

The two-part examination format has been designed for ease of translation, thus addressing the issue of high translation costs for the original Advanced Certificate, and is assessed by a multiple choice paper and a ‘tick grid’ tasting, with each part equally weighted.

Candidates who wish to progress on to the WSET Diploma will need to sit the additional ‘Diploma Examination Entry’ examination (which is currently available in the two Diploma languages of English and German only) – this gives candidates the Advanced Certificate.

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