

LEVEL III SYLLABUS

Level III is a survey of the world's major wine producing regions, with a focus on their respective styles, philosophy, rules and regulations, and unique grape varieties.

For students seeking professional certification, **two exams are required**. One will be a short answer/fill-in-the-blank exam on the last day of class. The other will be a written exam taken on our online testing system. It must be completed within two (2) weeks of the last class.

The results of these two exam scores will be combined for the final grade (50% each). However, the in-class exam has two critical questions which must be answered correctly to pass the course. If these are answered incorrectly, it is an automatic fail. For each exam, a passing grade is 60%.

In addition, each online lesson will contain its own quiz questions. The student may take these weekly or wait until the end of the course. Either way, quiz scores will not affect the final grade.

Course Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to:

- (1) Identify the eight noble grape varieties and their variants in the major winemaking regions of the world, as well as unique local varieties;
- (2) Describe advanced concepts of climatology for each of the major winemaking regions;
- (3) Elaborate upon Old World and New World winemaking styles and blind taste respective characteristics of each; and
- (4) Understand the important events in the history of wine from antiquity through the modern era.

Required Texts: None; however, every serious student of wine will own at least one of the following:

- The World Atlas of Wine* [Hardcover], Hugh Johnson (Author), Jancis Robinson (Author), MITCH; 8th Revised edition (2019)
- Oxford Companion to Wine* [Hardcover], Jancis Robinson (Author), Oxford University Press; 4th Revised edition (2015)

Schedule

- 2/14 – Intro
- 2/15 – France
- 2/16 – North America
- 2/17 – Australia, New Zealand & South Africa
- 2/21 – Italy
- 2/22 – Spain
- 2/23 – Chile & Argentina
- 2/24 – In-class Exam