

Court of Master Sommeliers Introductory Course Outline – 8.2

Classes and Examinations

The Introductory Sommelier Course

The Certified Sommelier Examination

The Advanced Sommelier Course

The Master Sommelier Examination

Viticulture – Winemaking

Climate	Diseases and Pests
Micro Climate Criteria	Nutritional issues
Cost	Harvest/When to Pick
Latitude	Crushing & destemming
Weather	Fermentation
Site Selection	Temperature/yeasts/additions
Site Criteria	Cap management/Micro-oxygenation
Laws & Financial considerations	Maceration/Skin Contact
Grape Variety Selection	Chaptalization
Clones & rootstocks	Malo-lactic fermentation
Vineyard Management	Fermenting Vessels
Canopy Management/Yield	Fining and Filtration
Vineyard architecture & management	Cold Stabilization
Sustainable/organic/biodynamic	Barrel Regimen
Packaging decisions	Bottling & packaging
	Wine Faults

AOC Rules

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée

INAO – Institut National des
Appellations d'Origine des
Vins et Eaux de Vie

AOC Wine Classifications

Vin de Table or Vignobles de
France

Vin de Pays (IGP)

VDQS – Vin Délimité de
Qualité Supérieure

AOC – Appellation d'Origine
Contrôlée – or AOP

Burgundy

History & Overview

Grape Varieties

AOC Hierarchy & Production

Chablis

Chablis Grands Crus

Côte d'Or

Côte de Nuits Appellations

Marsannay & Fixin

Gevrey-Chambertin

Morey-St. Denis

Chambolle-Musigny

Vougeot & Flagey-Échézeaux

Vosne-Romanée

Nuits- St. Georges

Côte de Nuits Grands Crus

Côte de Beaune Appellations

Aloxe-Corton

Beaune & Pommard

Volnay & Meursault

Puligny-Montrachet

Chassagne-Montrachet

Côte de Beaune Grands Crus

Côte Chalonnaise

Mâconnais

Beaujolais

Beaujolais Crus

Sparkling Wine

Methods of Production

Classic Method (Méthode Champenoise)

Primary Fermentation

Secondary Fermentation

Riddling and Disgorgement

Transfer Method

Charmat (Cuve Close) Method

Carbonation

Other French Sparkling Wines

American Sparkling Wines

Italian Sparkling Wines

Spanish Sparkling Wines

Champagne

Champagne Grape Varieties

Champagne Regions

Champagne Styles

Prestige Cuvée Champagnes

Dryness/Sweetness

Champagne bottle sizes

BORDEAUX

Largest AOC in France

St. Julien

Maritime Climate

Listrac & Moulis

Soils

Margaux

Red Grape Varieties

Graves and Pessac-Léognan

White Grape Varieties

Sauternes and Barsac

Médoc

Botrytis – Pourriture Noble

1855 Classification

St. Émilion

First Growths

St. Émilion Satellites

Médoc Communes

Pomerol

Haut-Médoc & St. Estèphe

Bourg & Blaye

Pauillac

Rhône Valley & Provence

Climate and Division

Appellations

Northern Rhône Varieties

Côte Rôtie

Condrieu

St. Joseph

Crozes-Hermitage

Hermitage

Cornas

Southern Rhône Varieties

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Gigondas & Vacqueyras

Côtes du Rhône

Côtes du Rhône-Villages

Tavel & Lirac

Beaumes de Venise & Vinsobres

Provence

Grape Varieties

Provençal Appellations

Languedoc- Roussillon

Languedoc-Roussillon

Appellations

Minervois

Corbières

Wine Styles

Grape Varieties

Roussillon

Côtes du Roussillon

Collioure

Vin Doux Naturel

Vin de Liqueur

Southwest France

Bergerac

Pécharment

Monbazillac

Madiran

Cahors

Loire Valley

Location

White Grape Varieties

Red Grape Varieties

Pays Nantais

Muscadet appellations

Anjou - Saumur

Savennières

Layon Vineyards

Saumur

Touraine

Chinon & Bourgueil

Vouvray & Montlouis

Central Vineyards

Sancerre & Pouilly-Fumé

Central Vineyards – other appellations

Alsace

Wine Styles

Regions

Geographic setting

Noble Grape Varieties

Other Grape Varieties

Alsace Grand Cru

Crémant d'Alsace

Vendange Tardive

Sélection de Grains Nobles

Australia

Overview

Grape Varieties

Geographic Indications (GI)

GI Quality Categories

South Eastern Australia Super
Zone

New South Wales

Victoria

South Australia

Western Australia

Tasmania

New Zealand

History

Grape Varieties

North Island

North Island Appellations

South Island

South Island Appellations

South Africa

History & Climate

Grape Varieties

Wine of Origin System

Wine Regions

Coastal Region

Boberg Region

Breede River and Overberg

North America

American Viticultural Areas

Estate Bottling Requirements

Label Laws

California

Major Regions

Napa County Appellations

Sonoma County Appellations

Mendocino-Lake County
Appellations

San Francisco Bay Area
Appellations

Monterey County Appellations

Paso Robles – Edna Valley

Santa Barbara County
Appellations

Oregon Appellations

Willamette Valley

Willamette AVAs

Washington State AVAs

Midwest AVAs

New York Appellations

South America

Chile - geography

Grape Varieties

Chilean Regions

Chile – Key Districts

Argentina

Grape Varieties

Regions

Mendoza Subregions

Italy - North

Overview

Wine Classifications

Vino da Tavola

Indicazione de Geografica
Tipica (IGT)

Denominazione di Origine
Controllata (DOC)

Denominazione di Origine
Controllata e Garantita (DOCG)

Piedmont

Grape Varieties

Appellations

Barolo

Barbaresco

Other Piedmont appellations

Valle d'Aosta

Lombardy

Trentino Alto Adige

Liguria

Emilia-Romagna

Veneto

Grape Varieties

Valpolicella

Ripasso

Recioto Wines & Amarone

Bardolino

Prosecco & Soave

Friuli Venezia Giulia

Key Regions

Grape Varieties

Italy – South

Tuscany

Grape Varieties

Appellations

Chianti

Chianti Subzones

Brunello di Montalcino

Other Tuscan Wines

Marches

Umbria

Grape Varieties

Latium

Abruzzo & Molise

Campania

Regions

Grape Varieties

Apulia

Grape Varieties

Basilicata & Calabria

Sicily

Regions

Sardinia

The Islands

Germany

Overview

Grape Varieties

Regional Terms

Wine Classifications

QmP Pradikate

Qualitätswein bestimmter
Anbaugebiete (QbA)

Qualitätswein mit Pradikat
(QmP)

Kabinett – Spätlese – Auslese –
Beerenauslese – Eiswein -
Trockenbeerenauslese

Mosel

Saar-Ruwer

Rheingau

Rheinhessen

Pfalz

Nahe & other Anbaugebieten

Spain

History – Climate

Geography

White Grape Varieties

Red Grape Varieties

Cava Varieties

Wine Classifications – Vino de Mesa (VdM)

Vino de la Tierra (VdlT)

Vinos de Calidad con Indicaciòn Geografica (VCIG)

Denominaciòn de Origen (DO)

Denominaciòn de Origen Calificada (DOCa)

DO Pagos

Vino Joven – Noblé – Añejo – Viejo

Crianza – Reserva – Gran Reserva

Galicia – Rias Baixas

Rioja DOCa

Alta – Alavesa – Baja

Vino Joven – Vino de Crianza

Reserva – Gran Reserva

Navarra

Ribera del Duero

Castilla: La Mancha

Tarragona – Penedés

Tarragona – Priorat DOCa

Toro & Rueda

Sherry

Soil Types

Grape Varieties

Vinification

Flor – Saccharomyces Beticus

Solera System

Sherry Styles

Portugal

History

Vinho de Mesa

Vinho Regional (VR)

Indicação de Proveniencia
Regulamentada (IPR)

Denominação de Origem
Controlada (DOC)

White Grape Varieties

Red Grape Varieties

Vinhos Regionals

DOC Regions

Minho (Vinho Verde)

Porto & Douro

Dão

Bairrada

Borba & Alentejo

Madeira

Port

History

Port Grape Varieties

Soils

Fortification

Port Styles

Ruby Port

Tawny Port

Madeira

Grape Varieties

Estufagem

Varietal Madeiras

Other Madeira Styles

Austria

Austria Overview

Grape Varieties

Wine Classifications

Wachau Classifications

Major Regions

Lower Austria
(Niederösterreich)

Wachau

Kamptal

Burgenland

Steiermark (Styria)

Wien

Hungary

Tokaji

Grape Varieties

Tokaji Production

Greece

Wine Categories

White Grape Varieties

Red Grape Varieties

Major Regions

Macedonia

Peleponnese

Aegean Islands

Beer

Essential Ingredients

Beer & Ale Styles

Saké

Components

Semaibuai & Nihonshu-do

Saké Styles

Saké Brewing process

Saké Terms

Spirits

Continuous Still

Pot Still

White & Brown Spirits

Vodka

Gin & Aquavit

Tequila & Mezcal

Eaux de Vie

Rum

Malt Whisky

Malt Whisky Regions

Irish Whiskeys

Bourbon

Canadian Whisky

Cognac

Cognac Growing Zones

Armagnac

Armagnac Regions

Calvados

Liqueurs & Cordials

Qualitätswein Regions (Anbaugebiete) (13)

Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

Rheingau

Rheinhessen

Rheinpfalz (Pfalz)

Nahe

Mittelrhein

Franken

Hessische Bergstrasse

Ahr

Baden

Württemberg

Sachsen

Salle-Unstrut

Grands Crus of Chablis

Bougros

Blanchots

Les Clos

Grenouilles

Les Preuses

Valmur

Vaudésir

The Crus of Beaujolais

Brouilly

Chénas

Chiroubles

Côte de Brouilly

Fleurie

Juliéнас

Morgon

Moulin-a-Vent

Régnie

St. Amour

BORDEAUX 1855 CLASSIFICATION with 1973 Revision

Premier Crus

Ch Lafite-Rothschild	Pauillac
Ch Latour	Pauillac
Ch Mouton-Rothschild	Pauillac
(2nd Cru in 1855, elevated in 1973)	
Ch Margaux	Margaux
Ch Haut-Brion	Graves
	Pessac-Léognan

Deuxième Crus

Ch Rausan-Segla	Margaux
Ch Rauzan-Gassies	Margaux
Ch Durfort-Vivens	Margaux
Ch Lascombes	Margaux
Ch Brane-Cantenac	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Leoville-Las Cases	St Julien
Ch Leoville-Poyferre	St Julien
Ch Leoville-Barton	St Julien
Ch Gruaud-Larose	St Julien
Ch Ducru-Beaucaillou	St Julien
Ch Pichon-Longueville	Pauillac
Ch Pichon-Longueville-Lalande	Pauillac
Ch Cos-d'Estournel	St Estephe
Ch Montrose	St Estephe

Troisième Crus

Ch Kirwan	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch D'Issan	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Giscours	Labarde-Margaux
Ch Malescot-St-Exupery	Margaux
Ch Boyd-Cantenac	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Cantenac-Brown	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Palmer	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Desmirail	Margaux
Ch Ferriere	Margaux
Ch Marquis-d'Alesme-Becker	Margaux

Ch La Grange	St Julien
Ch Langoa-Barton	St Julien
Ch La Lagune	Ludon-Haut Medoc
Ch Calon-Segur	St Estephe

Quatrième Crus

Ch St-Pierre	St Julien
Ch Talbot	St Julien
Ch Branaire-Ducru	St Julien
Ch Beychevelle	St Julien
Ch Pouget	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Prieure-Lichine	Cantenac-Margaux
Ch Marquis-de-Terme	Margaux
Ch Duhart-Milon	Pauillac
Ch La Tour-Carnet	St Laurent-Haut Medoc
Ch Lafon-Rochet	St Estephe

Cinquième Crus

Ch Pontet-Canet	Pauillac
Ch Batailley	Pauillac
Ch Haut-Batailley	Pauillac
Ch Grand-Puy-Lacoste	Pauillac
Ch Grand-Puy-Ducasse	Pauillac
Ch Lynch-Bages	Pauillac
Ch Lynch-Moussas	Pauillac
Ch Mouton-d'Armailhacq	Pauillac
Ch Haut-Bages-Liberal	Pauillac
Ch Pedesclaux	Pauillac
Ch Clerc-Milon	Pauillac
Ch Croizet-Bages	Pauillac
Ch Dauzac	Labarde-Margaux
Ch du Tertre	Arsac-Margaux
Ch Belgrave	St Laurent-Haut Medoc
Ch Camensac	St Laurent-Haut Medoc
Ch Cantemerle	Macau-Haut Medoc
Ch Cos-Labory	St Estephe

Total		1er	2me	3me	4me	5me
1	Graves	1	0	0	0	0
5	St Estephe	0	2	1	1	1
5	Haut Medoc	0	0	1	1	3
11	St Julien	0	5	2	4	0
18	Pauillac	3	2	0	1	12
21	Margaux	1	5	10	3	2

Important DOCGs

Asti (Piedmont – sparkling)
Barbera d’Alba (Piedmont – red)
Barbera d’Asti (Piedmont – red)
Barbera del Monferrato (Piedmont – red)
Barbaresco (Piedmont – red)
Barolo (Piedmont – red)
Bardolino Superiore (Veneto – red)
Brachetto d’Aqui (Piedmont – red)
Brunello di Montalcino (Tuscany – red)
Carmignano (Tuscany – red)
Cerasuolo di Vittoria (Sicily – red)
Cesanese del Piglio (Lazio – red)
Chianti (Tuscany – red)
Chianti Classico (Tuscany – red)
Conero (Marches – red)
Dolcetto Diano d’Alba (Piedmont – red)
Dolcetto de Dogliani Superiore (Piedmont – red)
Fiano d’Avellino (Campania – white)
Franciacorta (Lombardy – sparkling)
Gattinara (Piedmont – red)
Gavi (Piedmont – white)
Ghemme (Piedmont – red)
Greco di Tufo (Campania – white)

Moscato d'Asti (Piedmont – white)
Prosecco di Conegliano eValdobbiadene (Veneto – sparkling)
Recioto di Gambellara (Veneto – white)
Recioto della Valpolicella Amarone (Veneto – red)
Soave Superiore (Veneto – white)
Taurasi (Campania – red)
Torgiano Rosso Riserva (Umbria – red)
Valtellina Superiore (Lombardy – red)
Verdicchio dei Castelli di Jesi (Marches – white)
Verdicchio di Matelica (Marches – white)
Vermentino di Gallura (Sardinia – white)
Vernaccia di San Gimignano (Tuscany – white)
Vernaccia di Serrapetrona (Marches – red)
Vino Nobile di Montepulciano (Tuscany – red)