

The WSET® Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is suitable for those working in the trade wishing to progress to roles such as food and beverage management, working as a member of a marketing team responsible for product ranges, a wine buyer, sales executive or other professional role in the wine and spirit industry. This qualification is also suitable for the dedicated wine enthusiast wishing to build on knowledge gained at Advanced level. Please note that the WSET Level 3 Advanced Certificate is an entry requirement for this level.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT

This is WSET's flagship qualification, designed to prepare people for senior positions within the wine and spirit business. The course will not only develop product knowledge to a specialist level, but will 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 have up to date knowledge of contemporary issues related to wines and spirits.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

The diploma qualification is broken down into six mandatory units:

- **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

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

The WSET® Level 5 Honours Diploma in Wines and Spirits

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

The Honours Diploma enables students to develop skills in research, evaluation and analysis. A student enrolling for an Honours Diploma will receive tutorial support on how to approach the project. However, students are expected to work independently, set their own deadlines, submit a proposal for approval and manage the process of research, production and submission of the project. Suitable for students looking to continue on to a higher qualification such as Master of Wine or other further education options.

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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 examinations on offer – we have over 400 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.wsetglobal.com

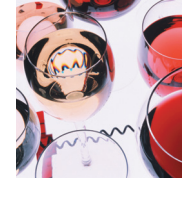
Last year over 27,500 students took a WSET programme across 55 different countries, so I am sure you will be able to find a venue near you, where you can enhance your knowledge of the fascinating world of wines and spirits, and gain an accredited qualification* from an organisation that has been leading education in this field for 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

Your nearest Provider of WSET® programmes:

* WSET qualifications are part of the UK qualifications framework, and the education courses leading to WSET qualifications are an invaluable source of information for students to enhance their knowledge of wines and spirits. WSET qualifications are not a guarantee of employment or career progression, nor do they form part of any regulated qualifications framework outside UK. Work is ongoing to include WSET qualifications in other qualification frameworks in international markets.



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A Guide to the Wine & Spirit Education Trust

Courses and Qualifications

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The WSET® Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Wines

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This qualification was initially created for the front-of-house staff within the on-trade sector. It has grown into a course with global appeal, providing basic product knowledge to first time employees in the wine industry and the interested consumer alike.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

The aim of the course is to give a basic introduction to wine, followed by some basic food & wine matching.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

The qualification introduces candidates to:

- The main styles of wine
- The WSET Level 1 Systematic Approach to Tasting
- The characteristics of the common grape varieties used to produce wine
- Service of wine
- Health, safety and legal issues
- The matching of food and wine
- To gain the qualification students need to successfully complete a portfolio of tasting notes and a multiple-choice paper of 30 questions.



The WSET® Level 1 Foundation Certificate in Spirits

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This qualification aims to provide the basic product knowledge and skills in the service of spirits to prepare a person for their first job in hospitality or in other sectors of the spirits industry. This course may also appeal to the interested consumer.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

The aim of the course is to give a basic introduction to spirits including detail on how to sell and serve them.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

The qualification introduces candidates to:

- The main categories of spirits
- Process of distillation
- Factors affecting the flavour of spirits
- The WSET Level 1 Systematic Approach to Tasting Spirits
- Health, safety and legal issues
- Service and sales of spirits
- To gain the qualification students need to successfully complete a portfolio of tasting notes and a multiple-choice paper of 30 questions.



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The WSET® Level 2 Intermediate Certificate in Wines and Spirits

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

A trade qualification for wine and spirit employees that will give students an excellent all-round product knowledge. The course is also suitable for the interested consumer.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

The qualification focuses on the key grape varieties and regions of the world. Wine tasting is normally part of every class.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

- How wine is made and other factors influencing the style of wine
- Key white grape varieties
- Key black grape varieties
- Wine-producing regions of the world
- Sparkling wines
- Sweet wines and fortified wines
- Spirits and liqueurs
- Label terminology
- Food and wine matching
- How to taste wine, using the Level 2 Systematic Approach to Tasting
- To achieve this level 2 qualification students must pass a multiple-choice paper of 50 questions.



The WSET® Level 2 Professional Certificate in Spirits

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Professional Spirits course underpins the skills needed in all areas of the spirits trade – customer service, hospitality, retail and wholesale. The course is also appropriate for students who are not employed in the drinks industry and wish to broaden their knowledge in a structured way.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

The course aims to give comprehensive training in spirits and liqueurs and covers the history, production and styles of principal spirits and liqueurs. Each session includes a comparative product tasting. The Professional Certificate in Spirits is supported by the world's major spirits companies.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

- The Spirits Market
- Production
- Brandy, Scotch Whisky, Whiskey, Rum, Vodka, Tequila
- Gin and other flavoured spirits
- Liqueurs and fruit spirits
- The sale and service of spirits
- How to taste spirits using the WSET Systematic Approach to Tasting Spirits
- To achieve this level 2 qualification students must pass a multiple-choice paper of 50 questions.



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The WSET® Level 3 Advanced Certificate in Wines and Spirits

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Course is open to students who hold the WSET Level 2 Certificate or can demonstrate the equivalent knowledge. It is strongly recommended that students complete the Intermediate Certificate before progressing to the Advanced Certificate.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

This qualification provides detailed analysis of the principal wines and spirits of the world. Students will also benefit from in-depth tastings where they will learn to identify product style and quality. All sessions on this course normally include tastings.

OUTLINE PROGRAMME

Unit One - Wines and Spirits of the World

- Production of Wine (location, viticulture, vinification, maturation and bottling, labelling regulations)
- France, Italy, Spain & Portugal
- Germany, Central and South Eastern Europe
- South Africa
- Australia and New Zealand
- North, South and Central America
- Sparkling Wines of the World
- Fortified (liqueur) Wines
- Spirits and Liqueurs of the world
- Information and advice for customers and staff
- This unit is evaluated by a multiple-choice paper of 50 questions and a question paper requiring short written answers.

Unit Two – Tasting and Evaluating Wines of the World

- Systematic Approach to Tasting – how to taste wines and evaluate the quality, style and price
- This unit is evaluated by an internally assessed blind tasting of two wines.



The WSET® International Higher Certificate in Wines and Spirits

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This course is designed for students who are studying outside the UK and for whom English is not their first language, or where the Advanced Certificate is not available in their mother tongue. The syllabus is aligned to that of the Advanced Certificate, but with modified assessment method. Students wishing to study towards the WSET Diploma in Wines & Spirits will also need to complete the WSET International Diploma Entry Examination.

HOW WILL YOU BENEFIT?

This qualification provides the same detailed analysis of the principal wines & spirits of the world as the Advanced Certificate. The sole difference lies in the assessment which takes the form of a multiple-choice paper of 50 questions and an internally assessed tasting of one wine.



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