

Know your California Cabs. Discover the differences made by price levels and growing regions. Learn from top winemakers and explore the important appellations.

CLASS 1: CALIFORNIA AND CABERNET

Discover the grape and the state with this pair of primers.

Module 1: Cabernet Primer

- Growing Cab
- Winemaking Decisions
- Identifying Cab
- Origins and New Frontiers
- Food Pairing

Module 2: California Primer

- History
- Climate and Geography
- Appellations
- Vintages

Module 3: Tasting: What's in a Price Point

- Compare and contrast Cabernets at various price points

Review and Resources

Quiz with 5 Multiple-choice questions

CLASS 2: NAPA VALLEY

Know Napa with this in-depth survey of the valley and its AVAs.

Module 1: Welcome to Napa Valley

- Climate and Geography
- Napa Valley AVA
- Valley Floor vs. Mountain Vineyards

Module 2: Valley Floor Appellations

- Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena, Calistoga and Stags Leap District

Module 3: Mountain Appellations

- Mount Veeder, Spring Mountain and Diamond Mountain in the Mayacamas
- Atlas Peak, Howell Mountain and Pope Valley in the Vaca Range

Module 4: Tasting: Napa Valley

- Compare and contrast valley wines and mountain wines from four Napa Valley sub-appellations.

Review and Resources

Quiz with 10 Multiple-Choice Questions

CLASS 3: SONOMA COUNTY AND THE CENTRAL COAST

Visit the top AVAs for Cabernet Sauvignon in Sonoma County and the Central Coast.

Module 1: Sonoma Overview

Module 2: Three Valleys: Alexander, Dry Creek and Knights

Module 3: Sonoma Valley and Sonoma Mountain

Module 4: Central Coast Overview: Santa Cruz Mountains and Paso Robles

Module 5: Tasting: Seeking Regionality

- Compare and contrast Cabernets from three major regions in California; Napa Valley, Sonoma County and the Central Coast.

Review and Resources

Quiz with 10 Multiple-Choice Questions

Final Exam with 25 Multiple-Choice Questions

Printable Downloads

Each class contains:

- Worksheets and Answers
- Step-by-step Tastings
- Tasting Journals
- Tasting Mats
- Study Guides