

Experts consistently recognize, identify and describe wines. Learn to see—and smell and taste—wine in a whole new way.

CLASS 1: BEFORE YOU TASTE - AND SEE AND SNIFF

Module 1: Sensory IQ

- What Experts Do
- What Experts Know (That Novices Don't)

Module 2: Bring on the Senses

- What's to Sense in Wine?
- Welcome to Your Senses
- Sensory Thresholds
- Individual Variation
- Sensory Errors to Avoid

Module 3: Tasting Methodology Overview

- See
- Sniff
- Sip
- Summarize

Module 4: Setting Up a Tasting

- Types of Tastings
- Stemware and Pouring
- Serving Temperature
- Decanting
- Staying Focused

Module 5: Tasting

- Tasting A: Riesling; Kabinett and Auslese
- Tasting B: Beaujolais v. Nebbiolo

Review and Resources

Quiz with 10 Multiple-Choice Questions

CLASS 2: YOUR SENSES AND WINE

Module 1: Vision

- How Vision Works
- Clarity, Color and Intensity
- Beautiful Bubbles
- Great Legs
- Evaluating Wine Appearance

Module 2: Smell Sense

- How Olfaction Works
- Common Wine Aromas
- Where Wine Aromas Come From
- Aroma Frameworks
- Evaluating Aroma

Module 3: Taste and Touch

- How Gustation Works
- Your Trigeminal System
- Wine Tastes - and their Mouthfeels
- Detecting Components and Cues

Module 4: Tasting

- Tasting A: Pinot Grigio and Pinot Gris
- Tasting B: Grenache Pink and Grenache Red

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CLASS 3: THINKING AND TALKING WINE

Module 1: Wine Quality

- Quality Parameters
- Wine Flaws

Module 2: Sensing to Describing

- Wiring
- Vocabulary
- Cognitive Framework

Module 3: Talking Wine

- Choosing Your Words
- Evolution of Wine Terms
- Vocabulary: Components
- Vocabulary: Structure
- Vocabulary: Intensity
- Vocabulary: Evaluation

Module 4: Tasting

- Tasting A: Chardonnay - Oaked and Unoaked
- Tasting B: Pinot Noir

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Final Exam with 25 Multiple-Choice Questions

Printable Downloads

Each Class contains:

- Worksheets and Answers
- Two Step-by-Step Tastings
- Two Tasting Journals
- Two Tasting Mats
- Study Guide