

The WSET® Level 4

Diploma in Wines and Spirits



The **Level 4 Diploma** is WSET's flagship qualification. The qualification is designed to prepare people for responsible jobs within the wine and spirits business. The course will not only develop product knowledge to a specialist level, but will also 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 will have up to date knowledge of contemporary issues related to wines and spirits.

The course is suitable for those within the trade either working in or wishing to progress into management roles and for the serious wine enthusiast wishing to build on knowledge gained at Advanced level and acquire further expertise in wine tasting.

The WSET Diploma is viewed universally as the stepping-stone to the Master of Wine qualification.

The Level 3 Advanced Certificate is the required entry qualification for anyone wishing to enrol on the Diploma course.

The Diploma consists of six units and requires a student to prove competency through a variety of assessment methods. Course programmes will prepare students for their examinations through an integrated programme of lectures, tastings, tutorials, feedback tests and essays.

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

- **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

Contact your local Approved Programme Provider for details of costs and dates/times of courses.

The WSET® Level 5

Honours Diploma in Wines and Spirits



The WSET Level 5 Honours Diploma is a wine or spirit related subject chosen by the student in conjunction with the examiners. **The Honours Diploma enables students to develop skills in research, evaluation and analysis.**

A student submitting a research project of between 4,000 and 5,000 words will be required to demonstrate the ability to carry out an in-depth, extensive study by:

- selecting an appropriate subject for in-depth, extensive study
- submitting an outline proposal for review
- carrying out a literature review of the subject area chosen
- planning and investigation
- presenting information in a suitable format
- managing own time to meet objectives.

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The WSET® Global Campus and the Institute of Wines & Spirits

The Global Campus is an essential communication platform for WSET Diploma students, Approved Programme Providers and Recommended Tutors, with each group having its own password-protected area within the WSET website. The GLOBAL CAMPUS also contains our membership area: the Institute of Wine & Spirits, which is the area devoted to graduates of the WSET Diploma.



Upon successfully passing the WSET Diploma, candidates are eligible to become an Associate member of the Institute of Wines & Spirits. This entitles them to use the letters AIWS after their name, giving them the professional recognition that they deserve. Certificates are issued each year upon membership renewal.

Membership fees are subject to renewal annually, and benefits and services currently include:

- free access to statistical and marketing data
- free advertising on our online job board
- free e-newsletter
- events diary
- substantial subscription discounts to www.just-drinks.com and www.jancisrobinson.com
- discussion forum
- wine and spirit tours
- seminars and tastings



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