



**Advanced Course**

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**Wines and Spirits  
International**

# Advanced Course - Wines and Spirits International

The **Advanced Course – Wines and Spirits International** is an internationally standardised qualification in the area of “global wines and spirits“. It covers the most important wine regions of the world as well as all wine styles including sparkling and fortified wines and also incorporates a section on spirits. Students are taught to critically understand and evaluate international wines and spirits. It has been designed as a residential course with late afternoons and evenings designated to workshops, educational tastings and visits to vineyards and wineries.

Successful graduates of this examination may then continue with the WSET Level 4 Diploma, which concludes with an international trade qualification known in Austria and associated centres as “Weinakademiker“. The Austrian Wine Academy has been a partner of the British Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) for more than 20 years.

Austrian Wine Academy offers to students from around the world the opportunity to study and progress from a solid professional level of wine via the WSET Level 4 Diploma all the way to the Master of Wine Programme in the unique setting of Rust, Austria.

Kind regards,



Dr. Josef Schuller MW  
Director  
Weinakademie Österreich

# Course Contents

## Tasting training

1. A systematic and logical approach to tasting international wines and spirits.

## International wine business

1. Knowledge and understanding of wine institutions and the international wine-trade as well as the political requirements of the EU concerning wine.

## Viticulture and vinification

1. Knowledge and understanding of the significance of location and the key factors influencing viticultural practice.
2. Knowledge and understanding of the key options available for vinification, maturation and bottling.
3. Knowledge and understanding the legal requirements for labelling of wines for sale within the EU.

## Wines of the world

1. Knowledge and understanding of the key wine-producing regions and districts of the principal wine-producing countries of the world:  
*France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Spain, Portugal, Central and South-Eastern Europe, America, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa*
2. Knowledge and understanding of the key factors influencing the style, quality and price of the wines from the identified regions and districts.
3. Knowledge and understanding of the characteristics of the principal wines of the identified regions and districts.

## Sparkling wines, fortified wines and spirits of the world

1. Knowledge and understanding of the key-producing regions and districts for sparkling wines, fortified wines and spirits.
2. Knowledge and understanding of the different methods of production.
3. Knowledge and understanding of the key factors influencing the style, quality and price of the wines and spirits from identified regions and districts.
4. Knowledge and understanding of the characteristics of the principal sparkling wines, fortified wines and spirits of the identified regions and districts.

## Target groups

This internationally defined qualification is recommended for all professional areas of the wine business including:

- wine trade
- restaurant business
- wine management
- wine production

## Entrance qualifications

One of the following qualifications is a prerequisite for acceptance into the Advanced Course - Wines and Spirits International:

- Advanced Course - Weinland Österreich of Weinakademie Österreich
- Basic Course 2 of Prague Wine Academy
- WSET Level 2 Award in Wines and Spirits
- or an equivalent international wine qualification

## Course information

### Course dates

#### spring 2019:

1. session: Thursday, 21 February - Sunday, 24 February 2019

2. session: Wednesday, 20 March - Saturday, 23 March 2019

### Course place

Weinakademie Österreich

Seehof, 7071 Rust

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### Course fee

EUR 1290.- including:

- seminar including course materials and tasted wines
- coffee/tea breaks, lunches
- excursion programme
- a non-recurring examination fee; ATTENTION: If a candidate does not sit the exam, the examination fee will expire

### Registration deadline

Friday, 18 January 2019

# Programme

The seminar is offered in the form of a residential course (8 days). The final examination consists of a written theoretical and practical exam.

## Preliminary programme (spring 2019)

### I. SESSION

<b>Thursday, 09:00 - 17:30</b>	Welcome and introduction Tasting training Central and South-Eastern Europe (Austria, Hungary, Greece)
<b>Friday, 08:30 - 17:30</b>	Germany, Alsace France Part I (Bordeaux, Loire, Southwest France)
<b>Saturday, 08:30 - 17:30</b>	France Part II (Burgundy, Rhône, Southern France) America
<b>Sunday, 08:30 - 17:00</b>	Spain, Portugal Sparkling wines

### 2. SESSION

<b>Wednesday, 09:00 - 17:30</b>	Spirits Viticulture and vinification
<b>Thursday, 08:30 - 20:00</b>	Italy Australia, New Zealand, South Africa Evening programme
<b>Friday, 08:30 - 17:00</b>	Fortified wines International wine business
<b>Saturday, 09:00 - 11:30 afterwards</b>	Exam Diploma-Briefing Lunch

## General terms and conditions

### **1. Registration:**

The registration must be in written format via post, fax or e-mail. The registration must be confirmed by Weinakademie Österreich.

### **2. Course fee and cancellation fee:**

The course fee must be paid within 7 days from date of invoicing. By using e-banking please state your full name, the course number as well as the date of invoice. For payments by credit card a handling fee of 3.5 % of the course fee will be added. One-day and evening courses can be cancelled without cancellation fee up to 14 days in advance, residential courses up to 6 weeks prior to the start of the particular course. Within 14 days (one-day and evening courses) respectively 6 weeks (residential courses) prior to the start of a course the cancellation fee is 50 % of the course fee and 100 % by non-attendance or cancellation after the start of a seminar. Parts of the courses cannot be cancelled or attended at a later date. Paid course fees may only be retransferred with deduction of a handling fee of EUR 25.-.

- 3.** A non-recurring examination fee is included in the course fee. If a candidate does not sit the exam, the examination fee will expire and must be paid again in the case of sitting the exam at a later date.

### **4. Attendance and programme changes:**

The course will only take place with a minimum of 15 participants. In the case of cancellations, we cannot refund incurred expenses. Please be aware of programme changes.

### **5. Liability:**

For accidents and other damages we can only inherit liabilities within the scope of the legal liability. We do not inherit liabilities for accidents and other damages on the way to and from the course venues. Attending excursions and visiting programmes etc. are at your own risk. Furthermore Weinakademie Österreich is not liable for lost clothing, valuables, etc.

# Application form

- Yes, I would like to register for the  
**Advanced Course - Wines and Spirits International**  
from Thursday, 21 February - Saturday, 23 March 2019  
Registration deadline: Friday, 18 January 2019

first name: .....

surname: .....

address: (street, .....

postcode, town) .....

phone number (daytime): .....

fax: .....

e-mail: .....

occupation/area of business: .....

employer: .....

pre-qualification: .....

(Please include a copy of your certificate.)

invoice address: .....

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date

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signature

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