

WSET Diploma in Wines Online

The Diploma consists of 6 units which need to be successfully completed and exams passed, for the student to achieve the WSET Diploma. D1 and D2 must be studied at the beginning of a Diploma programme and the D1 exam sat first. The units can be booked as and when you need, please refer to the price and dates below.

The individual units follow a weekly structure, but it allows the student to work ahead or catch up on the activities and forums. There are no set times to log into the course as there are no live chats or webinars.

The online units prepare the student for our qualifications and they are guided by a WSET educator. The student can contact the educator any time for the duration of the scheduled course, should they have any questions. Each unit includes a series of independent and/or group activities that require students to look in depth at the wine industry, applying subject knowledge and professional skills to analyse key issues.

Revision of Level 3 Materials is highly recommended before commencing the diploma.

Students are advised to schedule a minimum of 372 hours of private study for the duration of their programme. Regular access and participation in the online activities is essential for this mode of study.

Students are advised to taste a range of wines during their studies. A list of recommended tasting samples can be found in the Specification.

Attended tutorials introducing the Diploma level 4 tasting technique for the relevant product types should be included by the APP for all students prior to the start of units 3-5. PowerPoint slides, session plans and handouts are available to registered APPs via the online classroom.

Students will require access to a computer (recommended) and/or HTML5 compatible mobile or tablet with the following minimum requirements:

- **Operating Systems** - Windows 7 and newer, Mac OSX 10.6 and newer, Linux - chromeOS
- **Mobile Operating System Native App Support** - Android apps require version 5.0 or later and iOS apps require version 11 or later. All Android and iOS both support the two most recent versions of their respective operating systems.
- **Computer Speed and Processor** - use a computer 5 years old or newer when possible, 1GB of RAM, 2GHz processor
- **Internet Speed** - along with compatibility and web standards, system carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments, minimum of 512kbps
- **Supported Browsers** - system supports the current and first previous major releases of the following browsers (Javascript and cookies enabled):
 - **Chrome** 72 and 73
 - **Firefox** 65 and 66
 - **Flash** 31 and 32 (used for recording or viewing audio/video and uploading files)
 - **Internet Explorer** 11 (*Windows only*— may exhibit slight visual differences from other browsers, but these differences do not restrict product functionality)
 - **Edge** 42 and 44 (*Windows only*)
 - **Respondus Lockdown Browser**
 - **Safari** 11 and 12 (*Macintosh only*)
- **Other required software** - Adobe Reader XI or equivalent.

Description of online units

D1: Wine Production (6 weeks of guided study)

Understand what the vine's requirements are to produce grapes and explain how the natural and human factors in the vineyard influence the quality of grapes produced. Understand what winemaking options are available to a producer and explain how these options influence the style, quality and price of wines produced.

D2: Wine Business (6 weeks of guided study)

Understand the factors that contribute to the price of wine by explaining supply and demand, production related costs and legislation. Understand the types of businesses engaged in the production process by evaluating these businesses and the options for getting the wine to point of sale.

Unit 3: Wines of the World (21 weeks of guided study)

Understand how the growing environment, viticulture and winemaking options, wine law and regulation and wine business influence the style, quality and price of the wines of the world. This includes describing, explaining and evaluating the various options in relation to the key wines of the world and how these influence the style, quality and price.

D4: Sparkling Wines (5 weeks of guided study)

Understand how the growing environment, viticulture and winemaking options, industry associations, labelling terms and wine business influence the style, quality and price of the principal sparkling wines. This includes describing, comparing and explaining how these factors influence the style, quality and price of these wine styles.

D5: Fortified Wines (5 weeks of guided study)

Understand how the growing environment, viticulture and winemaking options, industry associations, labelling terms and wine business influence the style, quality and price of the principal fortified wines. This includes describing, comparing and explaining how these factors influence the style, quality and price of these wine styles.

D6: Independent Research Assignment (no guided study)

Research a specified wine-related subject by using relevant resources to develop ideas and arguments to reach informed conclusions. The assignment must be presented in accordance with the required standards that will be outlined in the assignment brief released annually on August 1st in the online classroom.