

I am now able to confirm that the next Court of Master Sommeliers Introductory Certificate Programme will take place at the Livermead House Hotel, Torquay. This is a five minute walk from Torquay Station.

The course will run from Monday 12th May – Wednesday 14th May. The programme will cover an Introduction to Viticulture, Vinification, the wines of the world, Spirits and Liqueurs, Beverage service, and Tasting Techniques. The examination will comprise a 65 question multiple choice theory paper and a 10 minute practical test at the end of the programme. Successful candidates will have a basic knowledge of viticulture, wine production, the wine areas, regions and districts of the world, the character and styles of wines produced in each, the grape varieties from which they are produced, an understanding of wine label vocabulary, the correct service of drinks, the principles of food and wine matching, and tasting techniques. This is the entry qualification for the Certified Sommelier examination and the Advanced Sommelier Certificate course.

The fee for this programme will be £360 which includes tastings, lectures, morning and afternoon tea and coffee, and a copy of the course book 'Sales and Service for the Wine Professional' 3rd Edition, by Brian K Julyan published by Cengage Learning, plus a Certificate and lapel pin for successful candidates. The course is very concentrated and intense, so it is recommended that study takes place in advance to obtain the maximum benefit. You should concentrate on the grape varieties, regions and districts of origin, an understanding of the various classifications, and characteristics of wines from all wine regions. Everything tested in the examination will be covered during the course, but it would be impossible to take in all the relevant facts over two days and then repeat them in an examination the following day, so prior study is a must.

The course will commence at 8.45am on the Monday and finish around 2.30pm on the Wednesday. Finishing time on Monday and Tuesday will be 5.30pm – 5.45pm. Dress code for this programme is smart business attire. To confirm a place on the programme please complete the application form and forward a cheque made payable to The Court of Master Sommeliers as soon as possible. (Overseas candidates please also note that an extra £11.00 must be added for EACH cheque if the currency is not in sterling, to cover the bank's cheque negotiation fees).

Yours sincerely

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Application Introductory Sommeliers programme

I wish to apply for a place on the Court of Master Sommeliers Introductory course to be held at the Livermead House Hotel, Seafront, Torquay, Devon TQ2 6QJ

Monday 12th - Wednesday 14th May 2008

Name

Employment.....

Home Address.....

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Email address.....

Date of Birth.....Signed.....

Please send me / do not send me, recommendations for accommodation
(delete as applicable)

I enclose £360 including a non-returnable deposit of £150,
Cheques payable to The Court of Master Sommeliers.

Light lunches will be provided on the first two days of the course.

Please note that advanced rail tickets (at reduced prices) are available from First Great Western or Virgin if the tickets are purchased well in advance.