

Court of Master Sommeliers Worldwide

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Introductory Course & Exam

Date: Sunday 27th May – 29th May 2012

Venue: The Hotel du Vin Birmingham, 25, Church Street, Birmingham B3 2NR

Course Fee: £410 (non-returnable deposit of £200)

The programme fee includes tastings, lectures, morning and afternoon tea and coffee, light lunches on Sunday and Monday. A copy of the course book 'Sales and Service for the Wine Professional' 3rd Edition, by Brian K Julyan will be sent to you on payment of the fee.

Candidates from outside the UK will have a small extra charge for the postage of the book.

A Certificate and lapel badge will be presented to successful candidates.

The course will commence at 8.30am Sunday 27th and finish around 4.00pm on Tuesday 29th May. Finishing time on Sunday and Monday 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 either forward a cheque made payable to The Court of Master Sommeliers (Overseas candidates please 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).

Alternatively the fee can be paid by bank transfer and the bank details will be supplied on request.

Places on the course will only be confirmed upon receipt of a deposit payment

The programme will cover an Introduction to Viticulture & Vinification, the wines of the world, Spirits and Liqueurs, Food and Wine Matching, Beverage service, and Tasting Techniques.

The tasting seminars are intended to explain the deductive system which will be required at level 2, 3 and 4, there will be no tasting examination at this level.

The theory examination will comprise a 65 question multiple choice paper plus a 10 minute practical test on the third day.

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.

The course is extremely concentrated and intense.

Everything tested in the examination will be covered during the course.

It would be impossible to absorb all the relevant facts over two days and then repeat them in an examination the following day, so it is essential that prior study takes place to obtain the maximum benefit from the programme. Candidates should concentrate on the grape varieties, regions, districts of origin, the various classifications, and the characteristics of wines from all the major wine regions.

The introductory certificate is the entry qualification for the Certified Sommelier examination.

Candidates who score highly on the Introductory Theory paper will be given the option of fast tracking to the Certified examination on the Tuesday. The fee for this examination is £140 (£130 for candidates who are fast tracked from the intro course) - payable on the day. Please access the website for Certified examination details.

Hotel du Vin Birmingham is situated close to Snow Hill Railway station and is approximately ½ mile from Birmingham New Street (Inter City) station Approx 10 mins walk

Birmingham Airport is approximately 15 miles from the city and is also served by a regular train service from the airport (Birmingham International) to New Street station

There are a number of budget hotels in the city centre which you may like to consider:

Travelodge:

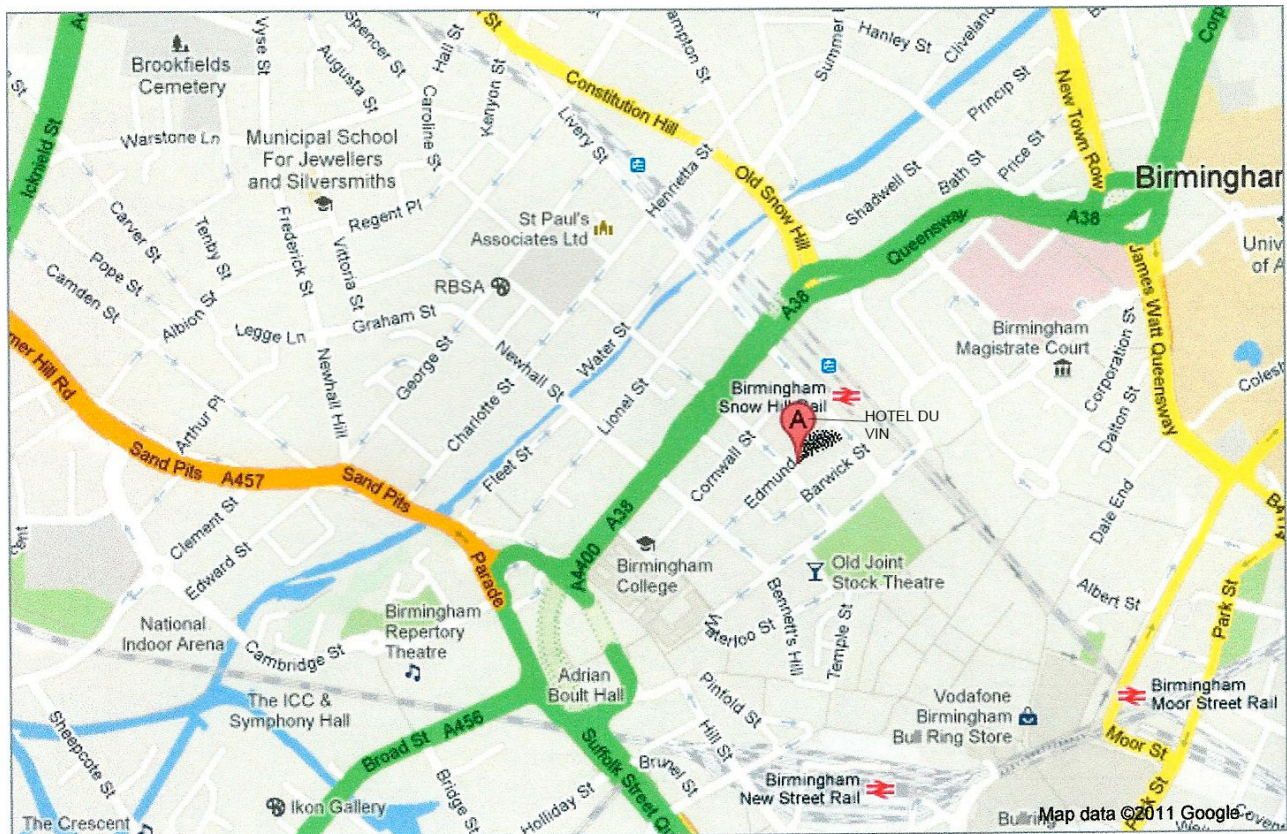
Birmingham Central – 230 Broad Street 0871 984 6064

Birmingham Central Bullring - Upper Dean Street 0871 984 6064

Broadway Plaza 220 Ladywood Middleway 0871 984 6325

Birmingham Central Moor Street. Carrs Lane 0871 527 8074

Holiday Inn Express (Birmingham Central) 65 Lionel Street :0871 423 4876



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