



# Certified Sommelier Examination

**Candidates wishing to enter this examination must previously have passed the Court of Master Sommeliers Introductory examination.**

The Certified examination is a one-day test with three portions: a blind tasting, a written test, and a service examination. There are no lectures; Candidates should come prepared to take the test and be suitably dressed and equipped for service.

The written examination will cover fundamental questions about the world of beer, wine, spirits and service. The questions can be asked in either multiple choice, matching or short answer form.

Candidates will have 30 minutes to answer the questions.

The blind tasting will follow the Master Sommelier tasting method but is tailored into a written format. The tasting grid and instructions can be downloaded and studied prior to taking the examination. Candidates will have 15 minutes to evaluate two wines and fill out the tasting grid.

The service examination will test one of the following skill sets: Standard Wine Service, Champagne Service or Decanting Service. Candidates will be evaluated on a variety of elements surrounding this skill as well as their ability to communicate and sell.

At the end of the examination, written feedback will be provided to all students. Those who were successful will receive a certificate and a badge confirming they have been certified by the Court of Master Sommeliers.

## **The Certified Examination**

Will set a minimum standard of service and knowledge for the Hospitality Industry.

Will provide students with credentials to show employers that their skills have been evaluated at a high level of proficiency by the worlds leading authority on service – The Court of Master Sommeliers.

Will be used to evaluate students to see if they have mastered “basic” skills to a level to be qualified as a “certified sommelier”

Will provide the “Education Chair” information on the readiness of a candidate that wishes to attempt the Advanced Sommelier Exam.

**All students must successfully complete the Certified Examination before applying for the Advanced Course & Examination**