

## 'Xpanding your horizons

Dear Wine Student

A recent article in Decanter came to my attention about the differences of Master of Wine and Master Sommelier, see post of 30<sup>th</sup> August 2017 on

<https://www.facebook.com/AcademyOfWineAndSpirits/>

Diversity in wine education is actually wonderful and we should spread the news about the possibilities out there!

This indeed shows how many educational paths into wine and spirits there are! Of course we must not forget that there are a huge number of interested people, who have a vast experience of their field of work, who have never had the chance to study! Just like any profession, moving into wine or spirits demands patience, and lots of dedication, with a dose of being adventurous.

There are an immense number of online websites and a great number of wineries, distributors and institutions teaching wine and spirits; a labyrinth indeed.

Why not study and increase your knowledge of the South African wine industry with SA based, professional providers, who have more than 30 years of experience of offering study at all levels? The Cape Wine Academy. Here you will learn about South African wine, as well as wine styles, serving, and storage, even a little Brandy for your first level, moving to a dedicated overview of our wine regions, and viticulture and brandy. These two courses are highly recommended for people involved in our local industry, who want to show customers, and our many tourists what SA is about.

And like a spirit brand tells us "live richer, larger lives, expand horizons and seize opportunities", we as Cape Wine Academy have enlarged and diversified too.

We have sister company, which we are supporting, Academy of Wine and Spirits, which is an Approved Program Provider for the WSET Level 1 to WSET Level 3 courses inclusive, and accredited in the UK. These courses have no accent towards South Africa, but provide a serious and well-presented way of learning about the wine world, first on a basic level, then moving into Level 2, a walk through the world of wine with an overview of what is important.

This is just a short insight, and "expanding your horizons" is a fascinating thing to do!

Cape Wine Academy is the program provider for the Cape Wine Master program, one of the highest and most recognized qualification in SA. WSET, the program provider in London is the provider for the courses needed, to apply for a Master of Wine, a similar demanding and recognized program attracting people from all over the world.

And as Gerard Basset, MW MS OBE, says: ".....It is vital that these qualifications continue to exist, improve and adapt to the inevitable evolution of our industry".

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