



**The Institute of Masters of Wine
First Year Assessment 2013
Sydney – London – Napa**

Practical Assessment

1. Wines 1-3 are from the same region of origin.

For each wine

- Identify the specific origin as closely as possible. (3x10)
- Identify the grape variety/ies. (3x6)
- Comment on the winemaking. (3x4)
- Comment on the quality and maturity. (3x5)

- Sancerre Cuvée Silex, Domaine Serge Laloue, 2011, Sauvignon Blanc, France, Loire, 13.5%, £18.70
- Muscadet de Sevre et Maine sur Lie, Domaine de Tourmaline, 2011, Melon de Bourgogne, France, Loire, 11.9%, £7.99
- Coteaux du Layon Carte d'Or, Domaine des Baumards, 2009, Chenin Blanc, France, Loire, 12.0%, £15.50

2. Wines 4-6 are from 3 different countries. Each is made from a red variety permitted in Bordeaux.

For each wine

- Identify the region of origin and grape variety. (3x12)
 - Comment on the quality and maturity. (3x8)
 - Comment on the winemaking. (3x5)
- Finca Flichmann Gestos Malbec, 2012, Malbec, Argentina, Mendoza, 14.0%, £9.99
 - St Supère Merlot, 2001, Merlot, USA, Napa, 13.5%, £28.20
 - Santa Rita Medalla Real, 2009, Cabernet, Chile, Maipo, 14.5%, £10.99

3. Wines 7-9 are made from the same single variety and come from 3 different countries.

With reference to all 3 wines

- Identify the variety. (15)

Then for each wine

- Identify the origin as closely as possible. (3x10)
 - Comment on the quality and style, making reference to commercial appeal. (3x10)
- St Joseph Clos de Cuminaille, Domaine Pierre Gaillard, 2010, Syrah, France, Rhône, 13.5%, £21.75
 - Peter Lehmann Shiraz, 2010, Shiraz, Australia, Barossa, 14.5%, £10.49
 - Diemersdal Shiraz, 2010, Shiraz, South Africa, Durbanville, 15.0%, £12.20

4. Wines 10-12 are fortified

For each wine

- Identify the country and region of origin as closely as possible, giving reasons. (3x8)
- Comment on the method of production. (3x8)
- State the alcohol percentage by volume. (3x2)
- Comment on the quality and maturity. (3x7)

- Hidalgo La Gitana Manzanilla, NV, Palomino, Spain, Jerez, 15.0%, £11.65
- Hidalgo Napoleon Amontillado Seco, NV, Palomino, Spain, Jerez, 17.5%, £12.99
- Smith Woodhouse 10 year old Tawny, Port Blend, Portugal, Port, 20.0%, £17.95

Theory Assessment

The theory part of the First Year Assessment comprises of two essays. One is compulsory in Section A and there is a choice of two titles in Section B.

SECTION 'A' - COMPULSORY QUESTION

- Is the wine industry a wise investment? (Paper 3)

SECTION 'B' - CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS

- Why might a winemaker want to adjust sugar, acidity and tannin levels in a wine, and how can this be done? (Paper 1)

OR

- Why are producers concerned with pH in wine post-fermentation? Discuss with regard to stability and quality. (Paper 2)