



THE INSTITUTE OF
MASTERS *of* WINE

Institute to Host Open Day in Seattle

9am to 2.30pm on Saturday 16 July 2011

Urban Enoteca, 4130 1st Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98134

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The Institute of Masters of Wine will showcase its study programme to prospective students in North America in July.

Members of the wine trade will have the opportunity to learn more about studying for the industry's most highly regarded qualification at the event in Seattle.

There are currently 289 Masters of Wine in the world, based in 23 different countries, including 28 in the USA and four in Canada.

The open day will be hosted by Barbara Philip MW, Canada's first and only female MW and Joel Butler MW, one of the first two Americans to qualify as MWs. It will provide an in depth introduction to the Institute's study programme, which prepares candidates for the annual Masters of Wine Examination. More than 250 students from 28 different countries are currently enrolled in the programme. Applications for the 2011/12 programme will open in July this year.

The open day includes an introduction to the Institute and the study programme, a blind tasting of wines to illustrate the Master of Wine approach to tasting, a discussion of topical issues, debate and the opportunity to discuss professional development.

Attendance costs US\$200 and includes all materials for the day. See the Events section of the Institute's www.mastersofwine.org website for further information and booking.

Joel Butler MW, President of the Institute in North America, said: "Our open day is the best opportunity to find out what is involved in studying for the MW and should be of interest to serious wine professionals who want to challenge themselves."

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Master of Wine is internationally recognised as the foremost title in the world of wine. The qualification, established in 1953, is today held by professionals across the international wine community who have demonstrated both theoretical knowledge and practical ability in the art, science and business of wine and who are committed to professional excellence.

It is membership of the Institute of Masters of Wine and abiding by its Code of Conduct, not only passing the Masters of Wine Examination, which confers the right to use the title Master of Wine.

A Master of Wine is someone who has demonstrated, by way of rigorous examination, a thorough knowledge of all aspects of wine and an ability to communicate that knowledge clearly. They actively encourage others in the pursuit of knowledge as well as seeking to bring wine communities together.

The Institute's vision is one of knowledge and integrity. Through its members – the international community of 289 Masters of Wine – and its activities, it promotes excellence, interaction and learning, across all sectors of the global wine community.

In keeping with its original aims, the Institute promotes a cross-disciplinary approach to understanding wine at the highest level. It also organises and contributes to wine trade events around the world. Annual visits are made to wine producing regions whilst the Institute's annual tasting and master class programme provides an independent and authoritative perspective on wine. Every four years, its international symposium brings together leading figures from the wine community to address topical issues in an independent forum.

For more information on the Institute see its www.mastersofwine.org website.