



INSTITUTE OF MASTERS OF WINE
FIRST YEAR ASSESSMENT 2015

Theory Paper

*TWO questions to be answered, **ONE** from Section A and **ONE** from Section B.*

Section A

Question 1

Paper 1

Examine the role of water management during the growing season in the production of quality wine around the world.

Section B

Question 2

Paper 2

Drawing on examples from around the world, demonstrate how a fortified wine's style is influenced by its production methods.

OR

Question 3

Paper 4

Are price promotions bad for the wine industry?

Practical Paper

QUESTION 1

Wines 1-2 are sparkling.

For each wine:

- a) Identify the origin and grape variety/ies as closely as possible. (2x10 marks)
- b) Comment on the method of production. (2x8 marks)
- c) Comment on the quality and maturity. (2x7 marks)

QUESTION 2

Wines 3-6 are made from different single varieties.

For each wine:

- a) Identify the variety and origin as closely as possible. (4x13 marks)
- b) Assess the quality and style of the wine, making reference to its likely commercial position. (4x12 marks)

QUESTION 3

Wines 7-10 are made from the same single variety and come from three different countries.

For all four wines:

- a) Identify the grape variety. (12 marks)

Then for each wine:

- b) Outline the commercial potential. (4x4 marks)
- c) Identify the origin. (4x7 marks)
- d) Comment on the winemaking. (4x4 marks)
- e) Comment on the quality and maturity. (4x7 marks)

QUESTION 4

Wines 11-12 are from the same country and region.

- a) Comment on the wines as a pair, making reference to their region of origin, quality, winemaking, maturity, ability to age and commercial appeal. (50 marks)

1. Vilarnau Gran Reserva Cava. 2007. Catalonia, Spain (11.5%).
2. Rodier Père & Fils à Epernay, Brut Champagne. NV. Champagne, France (12.5%).
3. Doña Paula Estate, Valle de Uco, Torrontes. 2013. Mendoza, Argentina (13.5%).
4. Novaserra Greco di Tufo. 2013. Campania, Italy (13%).
5. Condrieu Le Grand Vallon Domaine Francois Villard. 2011. Rhone, France (13%).
6. Rueda Verdejo Bodegas Cerrosol. 2012. Rueda, Spain (12.5%).
7. Byron, Santa Barbara County, Pinot Noir. 2012. Santa Barbara, USA (13.5%).
8. Nuits-St -Georges, Domaine Arnoux-Lachaux. 2011. Burgundy, France (13%).
9. Bourgogne Hautes Cotes de Beaune, Berthelemot. 2011. Burgundy, France (13%).
10. Carrick Bannockburn, Pinot Noir. 2012. Central Otago, New Zealand (14%).
11. Graham's Quinta Dos Malvedos Vintage Port. 2001. Porto, Portugal (20%).
12. Graham's Late Bottled Vintage Port. 2008. Porto, Portugal (20%).