



WINE
SCHOOL

WINE CONSULTANT DIPLOMA CONSEILLER EN SOMMELLERIE

100% English Program



Why choose CAFA Formations training school?



Careers in the Wine and Spirits Trade

The International Wine and Spirits School created by CAFA in 1986 is based in Bordeaux, in the heart of the historical wine merchant quarter of the "Chartrons." We welcome students from all over the world who are passionate about wine and who wish to train in the art and techniques of wine tasting, vinification and in viticulture in France as well as other notable world wine regions, in order to be the most efficient in their work field: Sommelier, Importer, Distributor, Merchants, Restaurants, Wine Shops...

A unique team of professionals

More than an art of living, wine is a passion. Of this passion, our teachers, experts in oenology, put all their know-how to work in order to pass it on to you. They are women and men who are certified with high ranking diplomas in Oenology and Sommellerie / Wine Stewardship and who have solid professional experience in the International Wine Industry. Our teachers' main desire is to pedagogically share their passion and know-how with you as best they can.

What is a Wine Consultant/Conseiller en Sommellerie?

The "Sommelier Wine Consultant" / "Conseiller en Sommellerie" in French, selects the products to offer to his/her customers: wines and spirits. Before negotiations with suppliers, he/she must first proceed in the tasting. Procurement must be consistent with the framework, scope, reputation and customer requirements. He/she thus establishes the list of wines, after their evaluation and determines their year of issue. He/she must ensure the management of all alcoholic beverages available on the market. He/she also advises the customer on food and wine pairing. He/she is able to serve or explain the wine service to customers.

From a technical point of view, he/she must understand the principle grape varieties and the production of wines, know the great growers and producers of renowned wines and the different types of wines, as well as their respective characteristics.

In general, we find "Wine Consultants / Conseiller en Sommellerie" in the restaurant business, merchant houses, production, wine tourism, sales or distribution whereby the principal function is to select wines, negotiate their terms of sale, present them and advise them directly or indirectly to customers and consumers.

The Sommelier Wine Consultant is an expert in wines, spirits, liqueurs, champagnes... His/her knowledge enables one to advise clients according to their tastes, desires and means. He/she is also responsible for inventory management in the company. He/she advises third parties on the wines that will appear on one's restaurant wine menu or on a retailer's product price list.



Training's goal

The following competencies:

- Find and select wines
- Tasting of wines and spirits
- Manage and cellars develop trade deals
- Advise wines and alcoholic beverages
- Organize promotional events and conduct wine tastings

Preparing the Wine Consultant Diploma / Conseiller en Sommelierie,
registered by the National Recipient of recognized Professional Certifications (rncp)

Participants

Public:

Everyone passionate about wines and spirits

Enrollment Requirements:

Holder of at least one:

- High School Diploma, A levels, or Baccalauréat
- Trade School Diploma or Certification

And

- *Must be passionate about wine and spirits*

Training duration

- 567 hours distributed training beginning, Between February and September or September and February N+1
- 280 hours of work placement / company internship

Training program

Professional education courses:

- Tasting techniques and sensory analysis
- In-depth study of French vineyards
- In-depth study of foreign vineyards
- Knowledge of spirits, cold and hot beverages
- Wine and food pairing and practical workshops in collaboration with chefs
- Sales and commercialization techniques
- Fundamentals in Viticulture and Oenology
- Wine industry and legislation
- Wine markets and marketing
- Commercial management and creation of a cellar / cellar management
- Practical sommelier workshops

Active sponsorship:

- Technical visits
- Following the vintage – in the vineyard and at the vat house
- Participation in blending and futures
- Student prizes

Professional conference:

- Conferences of the Interprofessional Committees (Wine Trade Bureaus) from the various wine regions
- Former students
- Owners, winegrowers, sommeliers, merchant houses, etc ...





Pre-enrollment:

Choose your session:

February to September

September to June N+1

> **PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION**

Mr Ms Surname/Last name: _____

First name: _____

address: _____

Postal/Zip code: |_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|

Town: _____

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Date of birth: |_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|_|

Place of birth: _____

Nationality: _____

> **YOUR PROFESSIONAL/WORK EXPERIENCE:**

> **DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED FOR YOUR ENROLLMENT FILE:**

- Your Curriculum Vitae / Resume
- Photocopy of diplomas / certifications
- Photocopy of identity card (passport, National ID card, visa)
- 1 identity photo
- Deposit of 700 Euros (of which 150 Euros used for processing fees)

Cost: 6875 €

Price includes:

- > Courses taught on our campus in the Bordeaux Wine Merchant sector of the Chartrons
- > All taught subjects
- > The tastings
- > The student field trips and visits
- > The provided aromas and chemistry solutions
- > Lab work and student projects
- > Testing and evaluations
- > Pedagogical support material
- > Professional Company Internship(s)
- > Training and teaching by the graduated instructors and specialized speaker guests
- > The Sponsoring of the promotion by a renowned wine and spirits establishment or Château
- > Exam preparation
- > The CAFA Certificate upon completion of the program
- > The exam registration
- > The processing and administrative fees

Date and signature :

