

# SYDNEY WINE ACADEMY

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## Block A - WSET Level 4 in Wines

Building on the knowledge and skills gained from the WSET Level 3 Award in Wines, the Diploma deepens your understanding of how and why wine production and business factors influence wine's style, quality, and price. Your expertise is built theoretically, through a comprehensive study of many wine regions, and practically by developing your wine-tasting skills to an expert level. Successful graduates acquire exceptional analytical skills and proficiency in evaluative wine tasting, gaining global recognition as authoritative wine specialists.

The course suits people within the industry, either working in or wishing to progress into management roles. It is also suitable for serious wine enthusiasts wishing to build on their knowledge and acquire expertise in wine tasting. The WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines is viewed universally as the stepping-stone to the Master of Wine qualification.

The Sydney Wine Academy delivers the WSET Level 4 Diploma Wines in a block format across two years.

**Block A is delivered in the first year and includes the following units:**

- D1 Wine Production (Foundation unit)
- D2 Wine Business (Foundation unit)

It is a prerequisite for students to have attempted the exams for D1 and D2 before commencing:

- D4 Sparkling wine
- D5 Fortified wine

Block B is delivered in the second year. Students can only commence Block B once they have attempted all units in Block A.

Block B units include:

- D3 Wines of the world
- D6 Individual Research Assignment

All units are presented by industry experts, including Master of Wine and Diploma Graduates, with advanced knowledge of international wines and industry experience.

For more information and full details on the course requirements, please download the course Specification

<https://www.wsetglobal.com/qualifications/wset-level-4-diploma-in-wines>

Participants must take on substantial amounts of self-study in addition to the in-class hours.

### Entry Requirements

Participants must be 18 years old or older.

Candidates must hold either the WSET Level 3 Award in Wines or the WSET Level 3 Award in Wines and Spirits.

Candidates, whose first language is not English, are strongly recommended to have an IELTS score of 6.5 or above or be able to demonstrate an equivalent ability level.

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or phone **02 7921 2399**

## Award

All candidates will receive a results letter on completion of an entire unit. This will be a record of achievement issued by WSET for successful candidates.

Students who pass all unit examinations will receive a WSET Level 4 Diploma in Wines suitable for framing and a lapel pin. As well as using the post-nominal of *DipWSET*.

## Examinations & Assessments

Please refer to the '*WSET L4 Diploma Specification*' document for all information about Examinations and Assessments.

WSET sets fixed global examination dates about eighteen months in advance.

**Please call our Sydney Wine Academy administration office to assist you with any queries: 02 7921 2399**

## Fees include:

- Candidate registration with WSET London. *The registration fee is non-refundable after **four (4)** weeks from the course commencement date (enter date)*
- 6 professional wine tasting glasses
- Complete WSET Study Materials available online and printed course textbooks for relevant units.
- All examination fees (but not examination re-sit fees)
- In-class tasting samples and class tuition
- Access to Sydney Wine Academy online resources, which has Jancis Robinson's *Oxford Companion to Wine*
- Ryde TAFE Campus services, including an extensive library for international periodicals, magazines and books
- Student access to WSET Online Classroom for three years.
- Access to full-time lecturer support
- TAFE NSW enrolment and access to student services and student discounts.

## Enrolments

Block A - 2025 fee is \$7,500.

The Sydney Wine Academy accepts payment in full or by a set of instalments.

Paying by instalments is not a progression payment; you must make full payment even if you have stopped participating in the course.

## Terms and Conditions

- Full payment or first instalment is required to confirm your place and must be received before enrolments close – we do not accept enrolments without payment.
- Enrolments must be accompanied by proof of your WSET Award Level 3 result emailed to [sydneywineacademy@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:sydneywineacademy@tafensw.edu.au)

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- Courses are run subject to demand. If there are insufficient numbers, courses may be cancelled or deferred. If a course is cancelled, you are entitled to a refund, excluding the cost of study materials issued.
- Examination dates are fixed. Participants unable to sit for a unit examination/submission must inform the Sydney Wine Academy in writing before the registration date. Additional fees may apply.
- Information is accurate at the time of publication and subject to change anytime without notification.
- This course is offered over one year. An additional year is available to complete all the units and studies in this course (subject to approval). After that period, students must pay to attend class and sit further examinations.

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