



Experience Wine

Helping People Explore the World of Wine

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What People are Saying about classes from Experience Wine:

"Awesome course! I love Aussie wines and I managed to learn some new and exciting things."
- Heather Davidson

"I have already been through a number of tastings/classes in Europe and California; this one brought it all together."
-- Linda Elliott

"Wonderful experience. I now feel better equipped to march into my local wine shop and not be intimidated!"
-- Jane Ard-Smith

Partner Links & Information

Wine Store Partners

Each partner store offers Experience Wine students a discount off their next purchase after completing one of our courses

Broadmoor Wine & Spirits

Located at 116 E. Cheyenne Mountain Blvd..

Coaltrain Wine & Liquor

Located at 330 W. Uintah, near I-25.

Colorado Wine & Liquor

Located at 5055 N. Academy Blvd just a few doors down from Big 5; nice selection including some older vintages

Corkscrew Wine Shop

Located at 1635 W. Uintah, just over

Thanks to the Warehouse Restaurant

About a year ago, we began doing our Specialty Courses at The Warehouse Restaurant. In support of our goal to teach people in the community about wine, and to promote different local restaurants at the same time, we've decided to look for a new restaurant location. **We are currently investigating several possible locations, but are open to your suggestions too.** If you have a restaurant you think would be a good venue for our Specialty Courses, please shoot me an e-mail at mark@experiencewine.net. In the meantime, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the current owner of The Warehouse Restaurant, Lawrence (Chip) Johnson, for his support and encouragement. Chip is a big supporter of the idea that wine is a great addition to any meal, and he runs a special on Saturday nights where everything on their wine list is 50% off. Be sure to give the Warehouse a try and let them know you heard about the deal from Experience Wine. We'll let you know in our next newsletter about the location we've chosen and we'll send out a special e-mail to people who've already registered for our April and May Specialty Courses to let those folks know the new venue.



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Certified Executive Wine Sommelier

Public Classes for April - June 2008

Introductory Wine Course: "A Friendly Introduction to Wine". This course is perfect for those brand new to wine, or for someone who enjoys wine already and wants to learn more. Course includes appetizers, 4 wines to taste, course handouts, textbook, and more! Course Length – approximately 2 hours. Price: \$40 per person, \$75 per couple:

April 13th 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

May 18th 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

June 8th 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

Specialty Course: "Italian Wines".

This class explores the main wine regions of Italy including Veneto, Piedmont, Tuscany, Trentino, and Southern Italy. Course includes appetizers, 6 wines ordered especially for this event, course handouts, and discount offers from local vendors.

Course length – approximately 2 ½ hours. **April 30th** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: TBD.

Specialty Course: "Sonoma County Focus". Everyone knows Napa County, well Sonoma County is the "other" wine county in Northern California. Join me for a taste of home as we sample 6 wines from some of my favorite wineries in Sonoma County. We'll do a "virtual tour" through the Russian River, Alexander Valley,



the hill west of I-25

Fairfax Liquors

Located at 5535 Powers Center Pt. near the intersection of research and Powers.

Liquor Depot

Located at 5984 Stetson Hills Blvd next to King Soopers

MK Wine & Liquor

Located at 5955 Constitution Ave, near Powers/Constitution; US Veteran Owned & Operated

Payless Liquors

Located at 3472 Research Parkway; large and growing selection of domestic and imported wines

Queen Liquors

Located at 1744 W. Uintah near intersection of Uintah and 19th St.

Steins & Vines

Located in King Soopers shopping center at corner of Fillmore and Centennial

The Wine Seller

Located at Highway 105 and Roberts Drive in Monument; Owner is an expert in French and German wines

The Wine Store

Located downtown at 523 S. Cascade; has a wonderful selection of unique small production wines

Vintages Wine & Spirits

Located downtown at 9 S. Tejon; Voted "Best Wine Shop" by Gazette for 2006!

Woodmen Wine & Liquor

Located at 3502 Hartsel Drive, next to King Sooper near the intersection of Lexington and Woodmen.

Restaurant Partners

Current locations for our public classes

Mimi's Cafe

Our current location for Intro classes is on North Academy Blvd – check out their website and be sure to click on "Who's Mimi?"

The Coffee Exchange

New location for our Wine Expressions Events, located at 526 S. Tejon

Other Links

www.localwineevents.com

Dry Creek Valley, Sonoma Valley, and Los Carneros AVA's. Course includes appetizers, course handouts, and discount offers from local vendors. Course Length is approximately 2 1/2 hours. Date: **May 22nd** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: TBD.

Special Offer: Add vivid images to your learning and tasting experience by purchasing the optional book "Sonoma, the Ultimate Winery Guide" for only \$19.95. (Supply limited: first come first, serve)

Specialty Course: "Intro to France". France is one of the oldest and most revered winemaking regions in the world. But it's also one of the most complicated too. Come join us for your first look at this fascinating wine region that makes some of the best wines in the world. Course includes appetizers, 6 wines ordered especially for this event, course handouts, and discount offers from local vendors. Date: **June 17th** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: TBD.

Wine Expressions Events April and May 2008

Wine Expressions Events are **a great place to meet and mingle with people who love wine.** The events are primarily social, but with a little bit of education thrown in. **Cost is \$20** per person (advanced purchase) or \$25 at the door and will include 4 wines to taste along with some light appetizers. We're teaming up with the **Coffee Exchange** at 526 S. Tejon, right downtown next to a number of award winning restaurants including McCabes Tavern and Sonterra Grill. This is a great way to start your Friday night, and your whole weekend. Join us on the **last Friday of each month** for Wine Expressions: **4/25, and 5/30.**



Wine Geography: Italy

The Phoenicians who planted the first grape clippings in what is today Southern Italy didn't really know whether the land would be good for that crop. However, it didn't take long for those ancient cultures to realize that Italy was a fantastic place to grow grapes for making wine. The Greeks even called it "The Land of Wine". Today, Italy is one of the top wine importing countries to the United States - battling it out with Australia for the #1 spot each year for the past several years. Italy has some marvelous mid-range and high-end wines for us to try; the only problem is that it is also one of the most complicated regions to understand and study. For example, there are over 2,200 named growing regions in Italy and



Our courses are also listed here

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more than 2,400 varieties of grapes grown. The wine labels don't help us much either since Italy follows a similar quality classification and regional labeling system to that used by the French. But as challenging, frustrating, and intimidating as that system is, there is so much more to Italy than Chianti, and we'll help you figure it out – and believe me it's worth the effort. Italy produces some of the finest wines in the world, and it is worth the extra effort to explore this incredible winemaking region. For a first look at Italy, **join us on April 30th for our Intro to Italian Wines class.**

New Wine Shop Partner: Broadmoor Wine & Spirits

We've been looking for a Preferred Partner wine shop in the Southern part of the city for quite some time, and I'm proud to announce that Broadmoor Wine & Spirits has now joined our community. Sanjay runs a beautiful shop with many unique and interesting wines. Be sure to stop in and say "Hi" and let him know you heard about his new connection to Experience Wine. For a complete listing of all our Preferred Partner wine shops, [click here](#).

Successful Launch of New Events

Over the past few weeks, we've launched or participated in a number of new events including: **a wine tasting social event called Wine Expressions** which we now do at the Coffee



Exchange (see article above), a political **campaign fundraiser** that generated hundreds of dollars, we participated in the **launch of a new singles social club called MiniXcapes**, and we now participate in the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center's **"First Thursday Wine Tasting"** events as the wine educators on-site. All of these activities and the new ones already planned for April have

kept us very busy at Experience Wine. The team has done a great job and we are very excited about all the growth and attention we're receiving as **Colorado Springs' only dedicated wine education company**. Thanks to all of you, the members of the Experience Wine community, for recommending our services and talking about our classes with such enthusiasm; you're making a huge difference in our business. Growing our business model has allowed us to extend our reach to different groups in the region and continue our mission of increasing the collective knowledge and awareness of wine in El Paso County.

Wine Recommendation: Wynn's 2003 Coonawara Cabernet Sauvignon



During my research for wines to use in last month's class on Australian wines, I picked up a bottle of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon (Coonawara region) by Wynn's. This

wine is now 5 years old, and the tannins have softened such that it is now beautifully balanced. This is a very nice wine and if you can find the 2003 vintage still on the shelf, snap it up and drink it before the end of the year. Santé!