



# Experience Wine

Helping People Explore the World of Wine

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## What People are Saying about classes from Experience Wine:

*"Great! This was a fantastic introduction to wine"*  
- Kelly Skinner

*"Fun, informative, delicious."*  
-- Ingrid Davis

*"This class was great! Much more than I expected..."*  
-- Janet Metzler

## 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*

**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*

## Supporting Worthy Causes

This month, I'm excited to share with you that Experience Wine is now supporting and involved in both local and national causes to help make this a better world to live in; as if teaching you more about how wine can improve your quality of life wasn't enough, right? **We're currently scheduling two important fundraisers in March and April** (see details below). In addition, we're going to be lending our expertise to the **Fine Arts Center of Colorado Springs** to help make their First Thursday Tasting events even better. And don't forget our **new Wine Expressions events**, with the premier event set for March 28<sup>th</sup>. So whether you just want to join us for an event, or learn about wine AND benefit a worthy cause, you now have lots of choices. I'll look forward to seeing you at one of these exciting events.



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## Public Classes for Mar through May 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:

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

**Specialty Course: "Australian Wines"**. In this class we'll take you on a tour of the various wine regions of Australia. Australian wines have become very popular in the United States - and with good reason; the quality is very good, steadily improving, and the prices are very reasonable. Course includes appetizers, 6 wines ordered especially for this event, course handouts, and discounts from local vendors. Course length -



#### Corkscrew Wine Shop

Located at 1635 W. Uintah, just over 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 classes is on North Academy Blvd – check out their website and be sure to click on "Who's Mimi?"

#### The Warehouse Restaurant

New location for classes beginning in March 2007 with a separate wine room for our events

approximately 2 1/2 hours. **March 27<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: The Warehouse Restaurant.

**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 1/2 hours. **April 30<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: The Warehouse Restaurant.

**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, 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 22<sup>nd</sup>** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: The Warehouse Restaurant.

**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)

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## Wine Expressions Events Mar through 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: **3/28, 4/25, and 5/30.**



## Experience Wine to join the "First Thursday Tasting" event at the Fine Arts Center

I'm very excited to report that beginning **this Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>**, the Experience Wine team will have a table at the Fine Arts Center for their monthly **First Thursday Tastings** event. The Fine Arts Center's monthly tasting features four exemplary wines with a

## The Coffee Exchange

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

### Other Links

[www.localwineevents.com](http://www.localwineevents.com)

*Our courses are also listed here*

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shared theme, live music and light appetizers. We'll be there **from 5PM to 8PM** to answer people's questions about this month's theme: "Rhine Wines", and to answer people's general questions about wine. This is a fantastic event where you can also check out the incredible resource we have here in Colorado Springs in the Fine Arts Center; you might even consider becoming a member! Find out more at [csfineartscenter.org](http://csfineartscenter.org)

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## Upcoming Classes Combined With Fundraising

Over the past few years we've been approached to help out many noteworthy causes. And while we can't support everything, we can certainly make a difference in some important ways. For each of the two events we have planned in March and April, we will offer our usual **"Friendly Introduction to Wine" at the same normal price**, but we'll **donate a portion of the proceeds** to benefit the cause or foundation. Please consider joining us and bringing your friends to help support these worthy activities:

**March 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 7:00PM at Mimi's Café** – Special Event:

**Fundraiser benefiting the campaign of Jan Hejtmanek**, candidate for State Representative of House District 20. (Yes, this is my wife's campaign, and I know she'll do a fantastic job working for the residents of HD20 at the State Capital when she's elected)

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 9:00PM at Mimi's Café** – Special Event:

**Fundraiser benefiting the Avon Foundation's effort to raise money for Breast Cancer Research.** Yvonne Milito is the coordinator for this activity, and she's got one more wine event planned for this summer too. You can register for these events on our website as usual at [www.experiencewine.net](http://www.experiencewine.net).

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## Wine Recommendation: Yalumba Museum Muscat



Here's a fun wine for you to try. The Victoria region of South Eastern Australia is famous for its very sweet dessert wines made from the Muscat grape – often referred to as a "Sticky" wine. Yalumba makes a blended non-vintage Muscat dessert wine that I think you'll enjoy. Drink it in small quantities after dinner all by itself, or match it with a not-too-sweet bread pudding. Yum!