



Experience Wine

Helping People Explore the World of Wine

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What People are Saying about classes from Experience Wine:

"Fabulous class. It was a lot of fun and very informative."
-- **Cristi Cardenas**

"It was incredibly informative. I look forward to attending another class and would recommend this to anybody."
-- **Nathan Boone**

"A wonderful experience!"
-- **Marybeth Welch**

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

Celebrations Wine & Spirits
Located at 2850 S. Academy Blvd; 500 cases of hand selected wines

Colorado Wine & Liquor
Located at 5055 N. Academy Blvd just a few doors down from Big 5; nice

Heading into Summer...

Believe it or not, it's May! Mothers Day is right around the corner, and we have **new classes coming up in June and July** for you to try. In addition, we're going to have a booth at the upcoming

Colorado Wine Festival in Manitou Springs.



If you're not taking the Wine Sommelier Certification course that weekend, come to Manitou Springs and say "Hi". You'll be able to taste wine from a number of Colorado wine producers to see just how far Colorado has come as a wine producing region. And while I'm talking about Colorado wine, I'd like to say a big "Thank You" to winemaker Matt Cookson for his

Winemaker's briefing at last month's class on Colorado wine – it was a terrific event, and we're definitely going to bring Matt back to do it again! As always, there are many other things to report too, so please read on and be sure visit www.experiencewine.net to answer the latest poll question on the front page – it changes every 3 weeks and we'd love to hear from you!

Mark Hejtmanek
Owner, Experience Wine
Certified Wine Sommelier

Gifts for Mothers Day

Still looking for something unique to give the special Mom in your life? Are you looking to give her something other than the usual gifts of flowers, brunch, or box of candy? How about joining her for a special learning experience at one of our wine classes? You can reserve space at an upcoming event directly, or give her a Gift Certificate for a class which is good for one year. Whatever you choose, it'll be something special and unlike any other gift she's ever received.

Public Classes for May through July 2007

Here are the courses we have planned for May, June, and July.

selection including some older vintages

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 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

Bambinos Restaurant & Catering

Catering for private wine events. Located at 2849 East Platte Ave. (corner of Circle and Platte)

Other Links

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:



May 20th 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

June 10th 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

July 15th 5:30 to 7:30PM at Mimi's Café on N. Academy

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 24th** 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.



Specialty Course: "How to Make your Own Wine".

Ever wonder how to make your own wine? Join us for this unique seminar that will teach you how to do just that. We'll be joined by experienced winemakers and the folks from **Old West Homebrew Supply Company** who specializes in helping people with the equipment and expertise to help them make their own wine. Even if you don't want to make your own wine, you'll learn a tremendous amount about the winemaking process at this event. Course includes: appetizers, 4 wines to taste, course materials, and discounts from local vendors. Date: **June 21st** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: The Warehouse Restaurant.



Specialty Course: "Wines of Summer". Wine is a great drink no matter what the weather, but it's especially wonderful in the summertime. In this class we'll explore different kinds of wines that go great with outdoor picnics and summer barbeques. Course includes: appetizers, 6 wines to taste, course materials, and discounts from local vendors. Date: **July 26st** 5:30 to 8:00PM. Price: \$45 per person. Location: The Warehouse Restaurant.

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www.localwineevents.com
Our courses are also listed here

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The **International Wine Guild** is a professional wine school based in Denver. On June 2nd and 3rd, they'll be bringing their instructors and executive chef to Colorado Springs to conduct a **Wine Certification Seminar** at Plate World Cuisine. Experience Wine is co-sponsoring the event and we're thrilled to be working with the owner, Claude

Robbins MWA MWE, and his fantastic team. This class is for both professionals AND enthusiasts – check out the link (above) for a complete description of the program. The Guild doesn't charge your credit card until 7 days prior to the event, so sign up early to ensure your spot!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

In January of this year, Experience Wine joined the Chamber of Commerce of Colorado Springs. On Monday, May 21st from 3:30 to 4:00PM at Vintages Wine and Spirits we'll have a "Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" to celebrate our contribution to the community of Colorado Springs. Please join us to be part of the photo shoot, and to explore another of our Preferred Partner wine shops. Vintages is an award winning wine shop located at 9 S. Tejon downtown.



New Wine Shop Partners

We've added two new Wine Shop partners this month. As with our other preferred partners, these two stores offer a discount to Experience Wine students following the completion of one of our classes – just bring in your course completion certificate to get your discount. Make sure you stop by to say "Hi" and check out their respective shops.

Celebrations Wine & Spirits Daniel and Barbra Cañez own this shop which is located at 2850 S Academy Blvd. near the intersection of Academy and Hancock – near King Soopers. They have a nice selection of wine: 500 cases specifically chosen for quality and economy. Their address is 2850 South Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80916 and their phone number is (719) 392-3111. Hours are Monday – Saturday 11:00AM to 10:00PM.

Queen Liquor Kit Abrams manages this shop which is located at 1744 W Uintah, near 19th St. They are in the same shopping center as the ARC thrift store. Their address is 1744 W Uintah., Colorado Springs, CO and their phone number is (719) 475-1744. Hours are Monday – Saturday 9 am -10 pm.

Wine Recommendation: 2005 Viognier by Cline

Viognier (Vee-oh-nyay) is originally from the upper Rhône valley in



France, but has recently caught on in California. During a recent trip to Sonoma/Napa, I enjoyed this wine from Cline Cellars made with grapes grown from the Sonoma Coast region of California. Aromas of peach, apricot, and orange blossom shine through in this full-bodied (15% alcohol) dry white wine. If you're in the mood to try something different than the traditional California Chardonnay, give this one a try. www.clinecellars.com