

## WSET Diploma Recommended Reading List

\*\*\*\*\* Essential reading for diploma students

\*\*\*\* start here for further general reading

\*\*\*, \*\* subject specific material that will be of interest to students seeking more detail

\* of interest, but may be too out of date, or too detailed.

### **General**

Oxford Companion to Wine (3rd Edition) – Jancis Robinson \*\*\*\*\*  
Oxford University Press 2006, ISBN: 0-19-860990-6

World Atlas of Wine (5<sup>th</sup> Edition) – Hugh Johnson & Jancis Robinson \*\*\*\*  
Mitchell Beazley 2001, ISBN: 1-84000-332-4

Oz Clarke's Wine Atlas – Oz Clarke \*\*\*\*  
Little, Brown 2002, ISBN: 0-316-86064-6

Wine Report – Tom Stevenson \*\*\*\*  
Dorling Kindersley, *Released Annually*

Wine Behind the Label – Phillip Williamson & David Moore \*\*  
Williamson Moore, *Released Annually*

The New Sotheby's Wine Encyclopedia – Tom Stevenson \*\*  
Dorling Kindersley 2005, ISBN: 9-780751-337402

*Useful Websites:*

<http://www.wset.co.uk/>

### **Unit 1 The Global Business of Alcoholic Beverages**

Harpers Country Reports \*\*\*  
Harpers, *Updated annually in January*  
(Available from [www.harpers-wine.com](http://www.harpers-wine.com))

Global Wine Statistical Compendium \*\*\*  
AWBC, *Released Annually*

Wine & Society – Steve Charters \*\*\*  
Butterworth-Heinemann 2006, ISBN: 0-7506-6635-8

The Drink Pocket Book (UK Only) \*\*  
WARC, *Released Annually*

Wine Marketing: A Practical Guide – C Michael Hall & Richard Mitchell \*\*  
Butterworth-Heinemann 2008, ISBN: 978-0-7506-5420-3

World Drinks Trends \*\*  
WARC, *Released Annually*

Wine: A Global Business – Liz Thach & Tim Matz \*  
Miranda Press 2004, ISBN: 0-971587-02-7

*Useful Websites:*

<http://www.vinexpo.fr/>

<http://www.wineintelligence.com/>

<http://www.oiv.int/>

## **Unit 2 Wine Production**

Understanding Wine Technology (2nd Edition) – David Bird \*\*\*\*\*  
DBQA 2005, ISBN: 0-9535802-1-0

Viticulture – Stephen Skelton \*\*\*\*  
Published by the author, ISBN: 978-0-9514-7031-2  
(Available from www.lulu.com)

Grapes & Wines – Oz Clarke & Margaret Rand \*\*\*  
Time Warner 2003, ISBN: 0-316-72653-2

The Art & Science of Wine – James Halliday & Hugh Johnson \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-845333-236-9

Viticulture Volume 2: Practices – BG Coombe & PR Dry \*  
Winetitles 1992, ISBN: 1-875130-01-2

## **Unit 3 Light Wines of the World**

### **Element 1 Northern and Western Europe**

#### **France – General**

The New France (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) – Andrew Jefford \*\*\*  
Mitchel Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-84533-000-5

Hachette Wine Guide \*  
Cassell & Co, *Released Annually*

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.terroir-france.com/>

<http://www.onivins.fr/>

<http://www.vins-de-pays.info/>

#### **France - Bordeaux**

Bordeaux: Medoc & Graves – Stephen Brooke \*\*\*  
Mitchel Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-84533-004-8

Bordeaux (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) – Robert Parker \*\*  
Dorling Kindersley 2003, ISBN: 1-4053-0566-5

Bordeaux And It's Wines (17<sup>th</sup> Edition) \*  
Editions Feret 2004, ISBN: 2-902416-95-4

Wines of Bordeaux (6<sup>th</sup> Edition) – David Peppercorn \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-862-8

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.bordeaux.com/>

<http://www.vins-bordeaux.fr/>

<http://www.medoc.org/>

#### **France – South West**

##### *Useful Websites*

<http://www.vins-bergerac.fr/>

<http://www.vins-gaillac.com/>

## **France – Burgundy**

Burgundy (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) Anthony Hanson  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 1-84000-913-6

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The Wines of Burgundy – Serena Sutcliffe  
Mitchell Beazley 2005, ISBN: 1-84533-019-6

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.beaujolais.com/>  
<http://www.bourgogne-wines.com/>

## **France – Alsace**

*Useful Websites:*  
<http://www.alsacewine.com/>

## **France – Loire Valley**

*Useful Websites:*  
<http://www.loirevalleywine.com/>

## **Germany**

Deutsche Wein Statistik  
Deutsche Weininstitutes, *Released Annually*  
(Available for free access at [www.deutscheweine.de](http://www.deutscheweine.de))

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The Wines of Germany – Stephen Brooke  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 1-84000-791-5

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The Rheingold – Owen Bird  
Arima Publishing 2005, ISBN: 1-84549-079-7

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesofgermany.co.uk/>

## **United Kingdom**

*Useful Websites:*  
<http://www.englishwineproducers.com/>

## **Element 2 Central, Southern and South-Eastern Europe**

### **France - Rhone**

Wine of the Northern Rhone John Livingstone Learmonth  
University of California Press 2005, ISBN: 0-520-24433-8

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Rhone Renaissance – Remington Norman  
Mitchell Beazley 1995, ISBN: 1-85732-759-4

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.vins-rhone.com/>

### **France - South**

*Useful Websites:*  
<http://www.languedoc-wines.com/>  
<http://www.coteaux-languedoc.com/>  
<http://www.corsicanwines.com/>

## **Austria**

The Wines of Austria – Phillip Blom \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-84533-132-X

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesfromaustria.com/>

## **Hungary**

The Wines of Hungary – Alex Lidell \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 1-84000-789-3

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesofhungary.com/>

## **Romania**

*Useful Websites:*  
<http://www.wineromania.com/>

## **Bulgaria**

*Useful Websites:*  
<http://www.bulgarianwines.com/>

## **Italy**

Barolo to Valpolicella (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) – Nick Belfrage \*\*\*  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-901-2

Brunello to Zibibbo (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) – Nick Belfrage \*\*\*  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 1-84000-790-7

Wines of Italy (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) – Michele Shah \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-84533-215-6

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.italianmade.com/>  
<http://www.piedmontwines.net/>  
<http://www.chianticlassico.com/>

## **Spain**

The New Spain (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) – John Radford \*\*\*  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-928-4

The Wines of Spain – Julian Jeffs \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-8453-3100-1

The Wines of Rioja – John Radford \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-940-3

Wines of Spain (9<sup>th</sup> Edition) – Jan Read \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2005, ISBN: 1-84533-018-8

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesfromspain.com/>  
<http://www.riberadelduero.es/>  
<http://www.riojawine.com/>

## **Portugal**

The Wines & Vineyards of Portugal – Richard Mayson  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 1-84000-733-8

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.ivdp.pt/>

<http://www.viniportugal.pt/>

<http://www.ivv.min-agricultura.pt/> (Portuguese language only)

## **Greece**

The Wines of Greece – Konstantinos Lazarakis  
Mitchell Beazley 2005, ISBN: 1-84000-897-0

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.greekwinemakers.com/>

## **Element 2 Africa, Australasia and Asia**

### **South Africa**

John Platter's South African Wine Guide – John Platter  
John Platter – *Released Annually*  
(Previous releases available for free access at [www.platteronline.com](http://www.platteronline.com))

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.wosa.co.za/>

<http://www.sawis.co.za/>

<http://www.grape.org.za/>

### **North Africa**

Africa Uncorked – John and Erica Platter  
Kyle Cathie 2002, ISBN: 1-85626-519-6

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### **Australia**

Oz Clarke's Australian Wine Companion  
Websters 2004, ISBN: 0-316-72874-8

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Wine Atlas Of Australis – James Halliday  
Mitchel Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-84533-282-2

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Wines of Australia (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) – James Halliday  
Mitchell Beazley 2005, ISBN: 1-84533-057-9

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### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.awbc.com.au/>

<http://www.wfa.org.au/>

<http://www.wineaustralia.com/>

### **New Zealand**

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.nzwine.com/>

## Asia

Wines of Lebanon – Michael Karam \*  
Saqi Books 2005, ISBN: 0-86356-598-0

Rogov's Guide To Israeli Wines – Daniel Rogov \*  
Toby Press – *Released Annually*

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winechina.com/>  
[http://www.kizan.co.jp/eng/japanwine\\_e.html](http://www.kizan.co.jp/eng/japanwine_e.html)  
<http://www.israelwines.co.il/>

## Element 4 *The Americas*

### USA – California

The Wines of the Napa Valley – Larry Walker \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2005, ISBN: 1-84000-994-2

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.wineinstitute.org/>  
<http://www.napavintners.com/>  
<http://www.scgga.org/>  
<http://www.carneros.com/>

### USA – Other

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.oregonwine.org/>  
<http://www.washingtonwine.org/>

### Canada

The Wines of Canada - Michael Schreiner \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2005, ISBN: 1-84533-007-2

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesofcanada.com/>  
<http://www.winesofontario.org/>

### South America - General

The Wines of South America – Monty Walden \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, 1-84000-609-9

The Wines of Argentina, Chile and Latin America – Christopher Fielden \*  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 1-84000-792-3

### Chile

The Wines of Chile – Peter Richards \*\*\*  
Mitchel Beazley 2006, ISBN: 1-84533-122-2

### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesofchile.org/>

### Argentina

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesofargentina.com/>

### Other South American Countries

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.winesfrombrazil.com/>  
<http://www.inavi.com.uy/>

## **Unit 4 *Spirits of the World***

### **General**

Distilling Knowledge: A Professional Guide to Spirits and Liqueurs – Dave Broom  
WSET 2006, ISBN: 1-905819-00-5

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### **Brandy - Cognac**

Cognac – Nicholas Faith  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-903-9

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#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.cognac.fr/>

### **Brandy - Armagnac**

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.armagnac.fr/>

### **Brandy - Spanish**

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.brandydejerez.es/> (Spanish language only)

### **Whisky - Scotch**

Whisky – Michael Jackson  
Dorling Kindersley 2005, ISBN: 0-7513-4434-6

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#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.scotch-whisky.org.uk/>

### **Whisky - American**

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.discus.org/>  
<http://www.canadiandistillers.com/>

### **Rum**

Rum – Dave Broom  
Mitchell Beazley 2003, ISBN: 18-4000-730-3

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### **Gin & Vodka**

#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.ginvodka.org/>

### **Tequila**

Tequila: The Spirit Of Mexico – Enrique Martinez Limon  
Absolute Press 1999, ISBN: 1-899791-89-2

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#### *Useful Websites:*

<http://www.crt.org.mx/>  
<http://www.tequileros.org/>

## **Unit 5 Sparkling Wines of the World**

### **General**

World Encyclopedia of Champagne and Sparkling Wine – Tom Stevenson  
Absolute Press 2002, ISBN: 1-899791-89-2

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4000 Champagnes – Richard Juhlin  
Flammarion 2002, ISBN:2-0803-0470-4

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### **Champagne**

*Useful Websites:*

<http://www.champagne.fr/>

## **Unit 6 Fortified (Liqueur) Wines of the World**

### **Sherry**

The Big Book Of Sherry Wines  
Consejo Regulador DO Jerez-Xeres-Sherry 2006, ISBN 84-8474-190-7

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Sherry (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) – Julian Jeffs  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-923-3

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*Useful Websites:*

<http://www.sherry.org/>

### **Port**

Port and the Douro – Richard Mayson  
Mitchell Beazley 2004, ISBN: 1-84000-943-8

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Rich, Rare and Red: A Guide To Port (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition) – Ben Howkins  
Wine Appreciation Guild 2003, ISBN: 1-891267-63-9

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*Useful Websites:*

<http://www.ivdp.pt/>

### **Madeira**

*Useful Websites:*

<http://www.madeirawineguide.com/>