Level 4 Diploma in Wines and Spirits - Semester One Course Synopsis

Entry requirements	A pass in the Level 3 Advanced Certificate is required
Subjects studied	**Synopsis**
Wine Tasting	Taste, describe, analyse and make quality assessments of wines using the WSET Level 4 Systematic Approach to Tasting Wine®
Unit 1 - Global Business	A study of the global and local drinks market and the marketing of alcoholic drinks
Unit 2 - Wine Production	A detailed theoretical study of viticulture, vinification, maturation, treatments and packaging
Unit 3 - Light Wines	Acquire specialist product knowledge and commercial understanding for the following regions: France: Bordeaux, South West France, Burgundy, Loire and Alsace Germany: Ahr, Mittelrhein, Mosel, Nahe, Rheingau, Rheinhessen, Pfalz, Hessische Bergstrasse, Franken, Wütemberg, Baden, Saale-Unstrut, Sachsen Austria and Hungary
Unit 6 - Fortified Wines	Learn about the methods of production and the main styles of fortified wines from the key wine producing countries. Spain: Sherry Portugal: Port and Madeira France: Vins Doux Naturels of the Rhône and Languedoc-Roussillon New World: Australia
Number of Wines Tasted	87 light wines and 26 fortified wines will be tasted as part of the course
Study Materials	Students will receive a First Semester Course study pack consisting of unit study guides, tasting card and a copy of the Oxford Companion to Wine.
Recommended Private Study	**It should be noted the Diploma course requires substantial commitment from students to complete the required private study**. It is recommended that, as a minimum, an additional 250 hours of private study is undertaken for this first semester course. It is strongly recommended that the majority of the private study is done in preparation for the course.
Examination	Unit 1: Closed book case study based examination and a course work assignment Unit 2: A 100 question multiple choice examination Unit 6: A closed book combined theory question (3 paragraph questions) and a blind tasting of 3 fortified wines A mark of 55% required in all examinations to pass.
Certification	All students will receive a record of achievement for each unit examination passed.