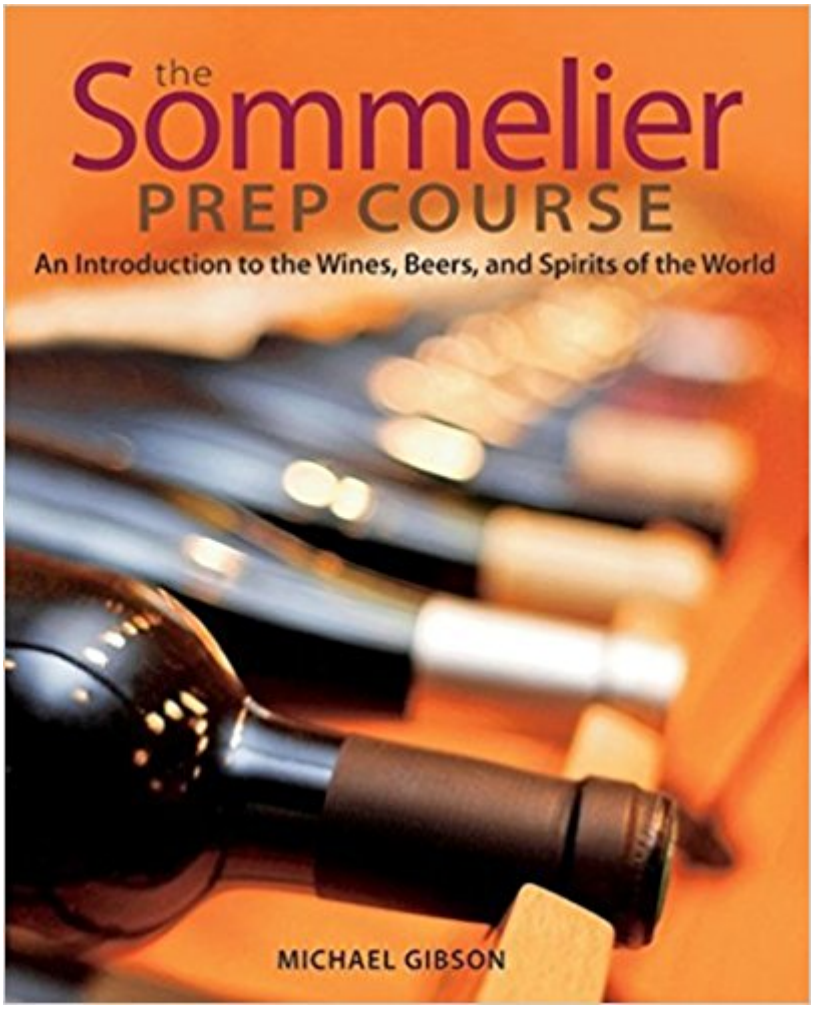
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The Sommelier Prep Course: An Introduction To The Wines, Beers, And Spirits Of The World



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Synopsis

A comprehensive, must-have guide to beverage service including wine, beer, and spirits The Sommelier Prep Course is the ultimate resource for any aspiring sommelier, bartender, or serious wine lover. It includes sections on viniculture and viticulture, Old World and New World wines, beer and other fermented beverages, and all varieties of spirits. Review questions, key terms, a pronunciation guide, maps, and even sample wine labels provide invaluable test prep information for acing the major sommelier certification exams. For each type of beverage, author Michael Gibson covers the essential history, manufacturing information, varieties available, and tasting and pairing information. He also includes sections on service, storage, and wine list preparation for a full understanding of every aspect of beverage service. Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â An ideal test prep resource for anyone studying for certification by The Court of Master Sommeliers, The Society of Wine Educators, or The International Sommelier Guild Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â An excellent introduction to wine and beverages for bartenders, beverage enthusiasts, and students Ã¢â ¬Â¢Ã Â Ã Â Ã Â Based on education materials developed by the author for his culinary and hospitality students at the Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Scottsdale With concise, accessible information from an expert sommelier, this is the most complete guide available to all the wines, beers, and spirits of the world.

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A complete introduction to wine, beer, and spirits for aspiring sommeliers, bartenders, and wine

lovers Whether you’re studying for sommelier certification or you’re a bartender who wants a better understanding of the beverages you serve, The Sommelier Prep Course offers the best up-to-date information on wine, beer, and all varieties of spirits. This heavily illustrated introductory guide covers New World and Old World wines, viniculture and viticulture, and fermented beverages such as sake, mead, and cider as well as beer and spirits. Students will find powerful study resources, including review questions, key terms, maps, sample wine labels, and a pronunciation guide with more than 1,200 terms. "At last, the wine enthusiast has access to a comprehensive work that approaches the wine and spirits culture in laymen’s terms and delivers a wealth of detailed information in a format that is a joy to read. Michael Gibson’s The Sommelier Prep Course is a must-have reference work for wine lovers and industry professionals alike. Historical and technical information, global diversity, and the often-asked questions are brilliantly addressed in this outstanding work."—Bob Foley, Winemaker and owner, Robert Foley Vineyards, Napa Valley, CA "Any candidate who is in the process of studying for their introductory level certificate will find Mike Gibson’s The Sommelier Prep Course very helpful. Mike has taught candidates how to pass this introductory level course for years, and this experience has allowed him to distill everything someone needs to pass this exam."—Eddie Osterland, America’s first Master Sommelier

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This book is the main reason I passed my Introductory Sommelier Exam. I began reading this book and making flashcards 6 weeks before the exam. I passed with flying colors!!! I don’t come from the wine industry or service industry, so everything was foreign to me. I sat down and read at least 1-2 chapters from this book every day and was ready for the intro exam!!!

Fantastic book. Studying for my sommelier exam and bought a bunch of recommended books but this is by far the best. Great layout, easy to read, love the little quizzes at the end of each chapter. Reminds me of something I would have used for a college course. Does get a bit repetitive in the beginning few chapters but definitely helped me master that information.

I recommend this book to anyone interested in wine, but would require it to those who are studying

to be come sommeliers. It really helped with my tests to complete the courses for several organizations that train future oenophiles .

This is a really great book for those who are planning on testing for certification in the Court of Master Sommeliers. If you're taking your Level 1 Exam, this is a great resource. For Level 2, this book provides an excellent outline. It offers more breadth than depth, but is very easy to read and well done. Along with the World Atlas of Wine and The Wine Bible, this book will prepare you for Certification exam.

Level 2 SOMM working on next levels. Easy to read and an excellent study guide for advanced. Read with Sales and Service for the Wine Professional.

I'll make this short and sweet - although I've "been into" wines for years, I decided that it was time to become certified. This book is an excellent start and very well written. It's written at a level that anyone with an interest could understand without going into the sometimes dizzying details that can be found in other serious wine books. This is a true textbook; its layout, structure, and quizzes at the end of each chapter are helpful and educational.I would recommend this for anyone - whether a novice who's just beginning to learn about wines, someone who is starting to work in the wine industry (restaurant, winery, etc.), or even someone who's far more experienced but who may be looking to go to the next level in wines and need a regular, go-to book for reference.

Great book with very well written and complete information about all aspects of wine. I loved how the different topics are presented because it makes really easy to understand them. Charts and graphics are also very useful. I really recommend it to for beginners and wine lovers who want to learn more about it.

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