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The Language of Wine

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Wine lies at the very origins of Western civilization. From accompanying the pharaohs on their journeys to an afterlife to the heart of our present-day secular societies, wine has been a source of inspiration for artists and writers and a subject of fascination for philosophers and scientists.

If wine is part and parcel of Western society and civilization, how does it impact on daily life? Why has wine been a central feature of religious beliefs? What about wine, health and the French paradox? How has wine at the table been an important feature of daily life over the centuries?

These are some of the areas for exploration and consideration through intellectual enquiry coupled with practical wine tastings.

Course aims:

- To place wine in the context of Western civilisation, from antiquity to the present day
- To explore the place of wine in art, culture and literature
- To consider the language of wine and the history of wine writing
- To understand the mechanisms of taste, how we taste and how we describe and understand what we taste
- To consider the place of wine in society

Course Leader

Marc Millon, course host, is the author of more than a dozen books about wine, food and travel. As well as contributing to numerous publications on both sides of the Atlantic, Marc lectures frequently about wine. His first love is Italian wine and he has a small wine company, Vino Ltd, which allows him to indulge in his passion.

Course highlights

- Guest lecture by **Professor Damian Robinson** of the Institute of Archaeology, Oxford University, on the '**Roman maritime wine trade**'
- Tutored wine tasting '**A taste of history**' exploring some of the great historic wines of the world
- Formal gala wine dinner
- A visit to one of the top wine cellars of an Oxford College
- Tutored tasting and wine writing workshop with **Alastair Peebles MW**
- An exploration of the history of '**Wine at the table**' with award winning wine writer **Fiona Beckett** (including tasting of historic wine and food combinations)

Requirements

No special knowledge is required to participate on the course, apart from an interest in wine, not just as a commodity in itself, but as an essential element of civilization. Participants should be prepared to learn, to taste and to enjoy thoughtfully.

Location

The course will be held in the beautiful and historic setting of Hertford College, University of Oxford. From its medieval origins Hertford has grown to become a world-class centre for learning. Its students have achieved renown in many spheres: in government and public service, including Prime Ministers and politicians; in the arts, particularly letters and music; in science and discovery. There could be no more inspiring a setting in which to undertake a residential course. The course includes accommodation, all meals and a gala dinner.



Hertford College, University of Oxford

Bookings

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