

## European Focus Wine Experience: - \*Intermediate Level:

This 2 hour European Focus Wine session looks at a series of traditional, regional and varietal wines of Europe. The class is for people with several years of wine experience and knowledge, and for people interested in the specific and unique wine styles from the regions across Europe.

This 'Intermediate Level' wine class looks at influences such as: climate, soil, grape variety and traditional winemaking techniques, looking at the special characteristics of each grape, region and unique site, and finishing with pairing traditional and non-traditional \*(local & international) cuisine with these dynamic wines.

During this European Focus Wine Class we will taste 9 - 10 different expressions, coming from different areas of France, Italy, Portugal and Spain - your taste buds will take a 'Tour de Europe' of wine.

Over the past 30+ years I have visited & worked (on several occasions) in these historical wine regions of Europe. I am able to share a focused insight into these dynamic wines, while taking you through a variety of themes to build your wine knowledge & confidence with European wine. I promise your taste buds will enjoy the wine journey.

### Content:

- Growing, harvesting, winemaking techniques, and ageing of wines that make them unique.
- Wine appreciation techniques: how to taste wine and develop your wine vocabulary.
- Look more closely at 'Terroir' and country AOP, DOP wine appellations and regulations.
- An overview of the wine regions of Europe - the indigenous grapes varietals, the style of wines and the influence of culture and most importantly cuisine.
- The history and traditions of some of the classic wine styles of Europe, and more...

This class will give you a solid grounding / understanding - that will serve you well no matter what you are drinking, and enable you to make a more informed, confident selection or suggestion.

### European Varietals / Styles tasted in the session: *\*(Varietals & styles can vary)*

- Prosecco DOCG Vintage - Veneto, Italy    • Pinot Grigio - Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy
- Fino Sherry - Jerez, Spain    • Rioja Crianza - Rioja, Spain - *\*(style can change)*
- Pinot Gris - Alsace, France - *\*(style can change)*
- Chablis - France    • Beaujolais - France    • Côtes du Rhône - Rhône Valley, France
- Chianti Classico DOCG - Tuscany, Italy    • Amarone\* - Veneto, Italy - *\*(when available)*
- Marsala\* - Sicily - *\*(optional)* -    • Port - Douro, Portugal - *\*(optional)*

### Wine Educator - Gavin Hubble:

I started working in the wine industry over 30 years ago here in New Zealand. Working in; wine retail, sales, vineyard management, wine production, blending, label & packaging design, marketing, wine buying, wine glass design and wine education. I have been responsible for the 'Brand Health' of over 100 Wine Brands distributed here in New Zealand. Brands from Australia, Chile, France, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, Portugal and other winemaking countries. I work closely with these brands and leaders in the New Zealand Trade - (On & Off-Premise) introducing and positioning these exciting and unique brands to wine enthusiasts all over the country.

### Venue & Time:

This is a 2-hour **European Focus Wine Class** - \*(Wine classes are held at different venues, details will be confirmed for each \*invitation). This session is usually held: **1.00pm - 3.00pm.**

### Equipment supplied:

When & where possible you will have access to **EISCH** Wine Glasses to use during the session. Also provided: tasting mat, online wine resources - plus \*9 European Wine Expressions.

\*Seasonal, Available Wines Tasted.

**“Wine Education lasts longer than a promotion”**

