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## **LOCAL COLLEGE RUNS NEW ACCREDITED WINE COURSES**

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**Local wine expert and enthusiast, Steve Hovington, is running two new and exciting short courses in wine and spirit appreciation at Cambridge Regional College (CRC), starting in the New Year.**

Steve has been the Co-Manager of the Cambridge Wine Merchants on Mill Road, Cambridge since last year. He has many years of experience in the industry working in London for a large drinks retailer before moving to Cambridge. "I moved from London to Cambridge to get involved in running more wine tasting events and wine education projects". He continued, "Starting these new courses at Cambridge Regional College is an exciting opportunity for me to share knowledge and help people learn about something I am so heavily involved and interested in".



***Steve at work in Cambridge Wine Merchants***

Steve also pursues his love of wine outside work, having made his own red wine from scratch last year. He borrowed four rows of grapes from a winemaker in Saint Chinian in the South of France. Steve did everything himself, from tending to the grapes throughout the season to eventually crushing them with his bare feet, resulting in a full barrel/180 bottles of wine. He wanted to make his own wine the traditional way without any frills or technology and for that reason has simply named his wine, "Steve's Grenache". He has also written a book called "Le Grape Escape" about his wine-making story and the level of work involved, which is currently being looked at for publishing.

The courses Steve is running cover topics such as; styles of wine, correct methods of serving and storage, food & wine matching lessons, grape growing and wine making. The courses are aimed at those employed in the drinks industry, people with a keen interest in wine or complete beginners who wish to start learning about wines and spirits.

Both courses, Foundation Certificate in Wines and Intermediate Certificate in Wines and Spirits are fully accredited by the Wine & Spirit Education Trust (WSET), the foremost international body in the field of wines and spirits education.

Carolyn Tiller, Programme Area Manager for Hospitality and Catering said, "We are very excited to have Steve, with his expert first hand knowledge as a wine producer, running these courses with us at Cambridge Regional College. These courses give a great opportunity to those who enjoy wine and would like to be more knowledgeable in learning about the wines they love".

The Foundation Certificate runs for 2 consecutive weeks, starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the City Centre campus on Newmarket Road. The Intermediate Certificate runs for 6 weeks from 12<sup>th</sup> February to 26<sup>th</sup> March (excluding 12<sup>th</sup> February). For more information on costs and applying, please contact Carolyn Tiller on 01223 532248 or email [ctiller@camre.ac.uk](mailto:ctiller@camre.ac.uk)

The College is running a wide variety of part time courses starting in January. For more information, please contact the Information and Advice Line on 01223 226315/418249 or email [enquiry@camre.ac.uk](mailto:enquiry@camre.ac.uk)

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