Wines of the World

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Class 1:
A non-technical look at what every wine consumer should know about the wines they buy.

—Wine Tasting, Varietal to Varietal; Food Pairings; Oxidation and Other Flaws; Basics of Wine Storage and Service. Developing a Cellar
Differences Between Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot
The costs associated with mass production vs. boutique wine

- Grapes
- Production Facility
- Equipment
- Overhead
- Label Design
- Labor
Class 2: France

- Champagne
- Loire Valley
- Bordeaux
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- Burgundy
- Rhône Valley
- Alsace/Germany
Class 3: Italy

Impact of geography
  Cold to Hot, North to South
Chianti (Tuscany)
Barolo (Piemonte)
The South (Calabria)
Sicily, Corsica
Alto Adige and German Impact
Aging Italian Reds
The Rise of White Wines
Why This is the World’s Most Complicated Wine Region
Class 4: Germany, Spain and Portugal

- Riesling is Everything!
- Regional Differences
- Rhine/Mosel
- Dry vs. Sweet
- Tempranillo and Cava
- The Douro and Touring
- Controlling your Own Destiny: Champagne and Port
Class 5: Chile. Argentina, Australia, New Zealand,

- The Basics of Southern Hemisphere Wine Areas
- Huge Differences Between Australia and New Zealand Cultures
- Barossa to Northern Victoria
- Central Otago to Martin-borough
- Chile’s Ragged Political History
- Behind the 8-Ball: Argentina
Class 6: California Wine

- The Impact of White Zinfandel and its Decline
- Napa Valley
- Sonoma County
- The Rise of Pinot Noir