

CATALOG INFORMATION

Dept and Nbr: WINE 111.2 Title: SONOMA AVA-SOUTH
Full Title: Sonoma American Viticulture Areas-South County
Last Reviewed: 12/12/2023

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.50	Lecture Scheduled	1.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	26.25
Minimum	1.50	Lab Scheduled	0	3	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	1.50		Contact Total	26.25
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 52.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable
Grading: Grade or P/NP
Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP
Also Listed As:
Formerly:

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Transfer Credit:

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ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:

AS Degree:	Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU GE:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
IGETC:	Transfer Area	Effective:	Inactive:
CSU Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:
UC Transfer:		Effective:	Inactive:

CID:

Certificate/Major Applicable:

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

COURSE CONTENT

Student Learning Outcomes:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe and differentiate Southern Sonoma County American Viticulture Areas (AVAs)
2. Describe required information on a Southern Sonoma County wine label
3. Compare the sensory characteristics of specific wine from a Southern Sonoma County AVA

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Identify AVAs throughout Southern Sonoma County
2. Differentiate which grapes do and do not grow well in each of these Southern Sonoma County AVAs
3. Summarize the climate, soil and geographic factors that contribute to the uniqueness of the areas studied
4. Objectively compare the sensory characteristics of Southern AVA-specific wines from the appellations studied
5. Define the elements and terminology in a Southern Sonoma County wine label

Topics and Scope:

- I. Wine sensory evaluation procedures
- II. Green Valley Pinot Noir and Chardonnay
- III. Sonoma Coast and Burgundian varietals
- IV. Petaluma Gap Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, and Syrah
- V. Sonoma Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon and other varietals

- VI. Sonoma Valley and Zinfandel
- VII. Carneros Chardonnay and sparkling varietals
- VIII. Other South County regions and varietals
- IX. Southern Sonoma County viticultural areas as defined by the Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB)
- X. Required and optional content of labels on bottles of wine from Southern Sonoma County
- XI. Sensory characteristics of Southern Sonoma County grapes and wine

Assignment:

1. Written report (3-5 pages)
2. Oral presentation
3. Portfolio, including field notes
4. Sensory evaluation of wines presented in class
5. Exam(s) (1 -3)

Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:

Writing: Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Written report

Writing 10 - 30%

Problem Solving: Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Portfolio

Problem solving 10 - 20%

Skill Demonstrations: All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

Sensory evaluations

Skill Demonstrations 10 - 20%

Exams: All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Exams

Exams 30 - 40%

Other: Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

Oral presentation; attendance and participation

Other Category 10 - 30%

Representative Textbooks and Materials:

Sonoma County Wine Regions. Sonoma County Trade Commission. 2010 (classic).
Instructor prepared materials