



Certified Spirits Educator (CSE) Program: Recommended Reading List 2023–2024

Valid for exams offered January 1 through December 31, 2024

Reference Books:

- Society of Wine Educators. *Certified Spirits Educator Exam: Candidate Guidelines* (pdf).
- Society of Wine Educators. *Certified Specialist of Spirits Study Guide*. Washington, DC: Society of Wine Educators.
 - Note: CSE Exam questions are based on information contained in the most recently published editions of the Study Guide. It is recommended that you study from the most recent version of the CSS Study Guide that is available and/or that you use the text updates (addenda) in combination with an older edition. Study Guide addenda are available for download at this web address:
<http://winewitandwisdomswe.com/study-guide-updates/css-updates/>
- Wondrich, David, and Rothbaum, Noah. *The Oxford Companion to Spirits and Cocktails*. 2021. Oxford University Press.
 - (Note: please contact Jane Nickles if you would like a copy of our study outline for this book.)

Website:

Wine, Wit, and Wisdom: the official blog of the Society of Wine Educators
<http://winewitandwisdomswe.com/>

- Note: Certain articles posted to Wine, Wit, and Wisdom contain important news, updates, and in-depth information concerning the world of wine. Articles containing testable material will be marked with a searchable category heading that reads “Testable Material for the CSE Exam (Spirits).”

Recommended study tools:

- Society of Wine Educators. *Certified Specialist of Spirits Workbook*. Washington, DC: Society of Wine Educators.
- SWE Webinars, specifically the following:
 - Under Pressure: Writing Skills for Essay Tests (SWE members only)
 - <http://winewitandwisdomswe.com/swebinar-schedule/>

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