

Pacific Shores offering sommelier guild courses

Pacific Shores Resort & Spa Academy is once again offering the International Sommelier Guild (ISG) Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 1, a four-week introductory course beginning April 6.

Novice wine enthusiasts who want to navigate the world of wine in a confident and knowledgeable manner, as well as those looking to enhance their knowledge of the hospitality industry through

a greater understanding of wine, are encouraged to register for this limited opportunity.

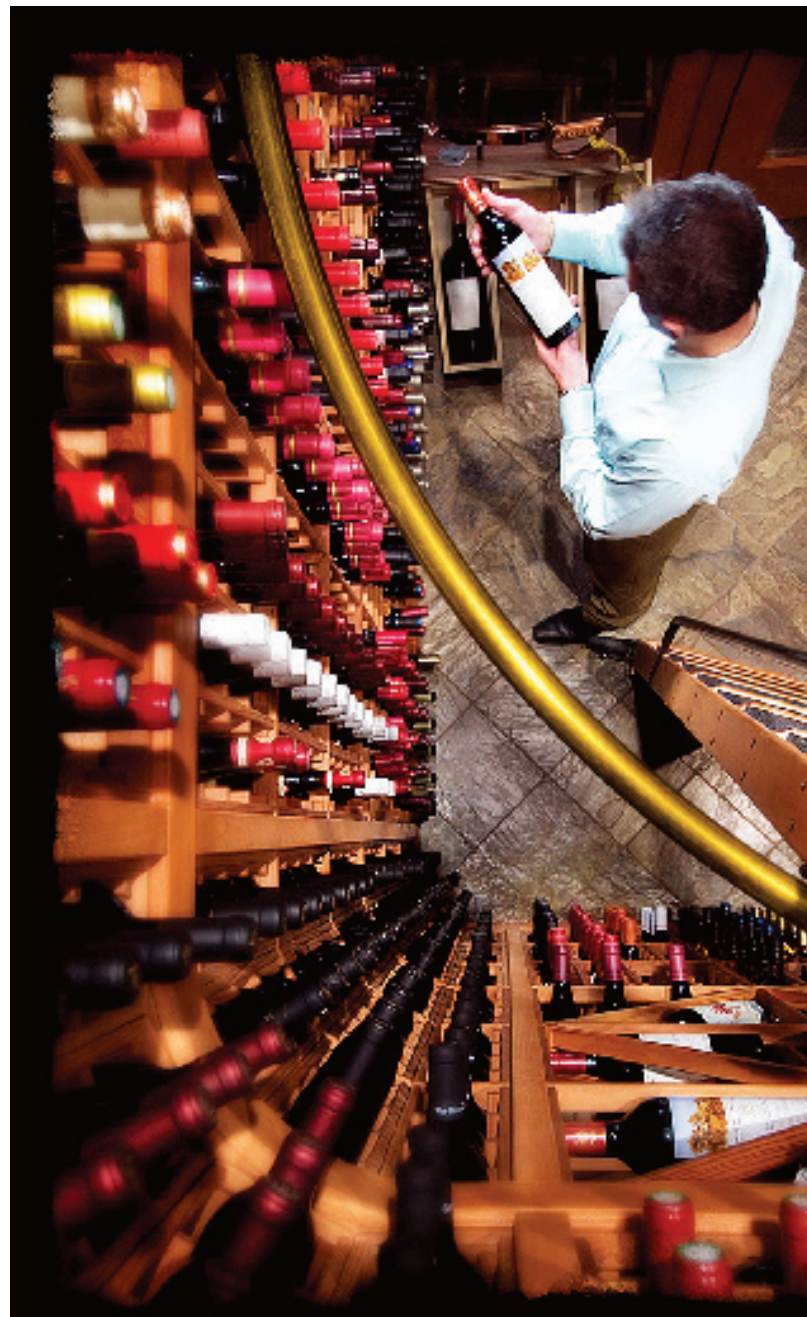
Students can begin a journey towards becoming a connoisseur of international grape varieties and wine through an extensive tasting of representative varietal wines from around the world.

Students will also develop an understanding of the unique characteristics of grapes used for

making wine, discover how grapes are grown and how wine is made and why different approaches to growing grapes and making wine affect its taste.

Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to taste and learn approximately 40 different wines.

The ISG Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 1 is also one of two prerequisite courses designed



Atilla Cimsit, Director of Food and Beverage at Pacific Shores Resort & Spa, explores the resort's impressive wine cellar.

to prepare students for ISG's Sommelier Diploma Program.

"The ISG Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 1 is a practical course which doesn't require students to be wine experts to attend," says Atilla Cimsit, Director of Food and Beverage at Pacific Shores Resort & Spa. "Explore the world of wine in a fun social setting and get involved with the International Sommelier Guild. We are happy to be able to establish the Pacific Shores Resort & Spa Academy and bring industry professionals and wine enthusiasts to our resort."

For four weeks beginning on

Tuesday, April 6, the ISG Wine Fundamentals Certificate Level 1 will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Pacific Shores Resort & Spa Academy in Nanoose Bay.

You must register by April 5. To register, visit www.international-sommelier.com/students/signup. Discounted accommodation is available at Pacific Shores Resort & Spa for course registrants and can be booked by calling 1-866-468-7121. For more information, contact Atilla Cimsit at The Landing West Coast Grill at 250-468-2400, ext. 310.

ROTARY WINE FESTIVAL SET FOR APRIL 10

The Rotary Club of Qualicum Beach is hosting its 8th annual Wine Festival Saturday, April 10, at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre.

Hot and cold hors d'oeuvres will be served, including famous Fanny Bay oysters, as well as a variety of cheeses and breads.

A wine seminar for 100 people only starts at 6 p.m. Wine tasting is 7-9 p.m.

The popular event, which raises money for Rotary's good works, is always sold out. Tickets are \$25 at the Arrowsmith Wine Shoppe, Chocolates Plus, Mulberry Book Stores and Rotary Members.

For more information, call 250-752-6650 or email qualicumbeach-winefest@gmail.com