



Peter Neptune MS, DWS, CWE

Peter Neptune is one of only 134 individuals in North America to hold the wine industry's most prestigious title – Master Sommelier. He is a 31-year veteran of the wine business, beginning as a sommelier in New York City, where he trained and worked for 10 years. Upon returning to his native California, he entered into the wholesale wine trade. For ten years he has been the Senior Vice President of Corporate Training and Wine Education at the Henry Wine Group, a role in which he trains and educates the HWG management and sales force in six states, as well as restaurant and retail staff in the marketplace.

Along with Shutters on the Beach general manager, Peter created an innovative and accessible wine program for the famed hotel that *Wine Spectator* has consecutively recognized with their illustrious Award of Excellence since 2009. Together, Neptune and Day created a wine list that is rich in content, not in cost that offers guests the opportunity to refine their tastes and palates in a playful way.

Peter also does wine program consultation for a variety of hotels and restaurants nationwide. His clients include the Fairmont Hotel Group, for whom he has won a Wine Spectator Best of Award of Excellence for the San Francisco location. He also has completed the wine program for the recently re-opened Plaza Hotel in New York City. Peter has created the highly reviewed wine list at the Shutters Hotel in Santa Monica, and recently won a Santé Award for his wine list at Sapphire Laguna Restaurant.

In addition to his MS Diploma, Peter holds the title of Certified Wine Educator with the Society of Wine Educators (for which he was recognized with the Banfi Award for Excellence in 2003), and has a Diploma in Wine and Spirits from the Wine and Spirit Education Trust in London, and is an Associate of the Institute of Wines and Spirits.

Peter is one of the teaching Masters at the Court of Master Sommelier Intro and Advanced Courses, and is an examiner at the Certified, Advanced, and Master Sommelier Examinations.

In 2003 Peter began the first WSET school in Southern California. Currently He teaches and administers the WSET Intermediate and Advanced Certification programs, run by the Neptune School of Wine in conjunction with the Henry Wine Group. To date he has successfully graduated over 350 students from the two levels combined.

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