



Institute of Cape Wine Masters

DISCOVERING WINE

SPARKLING WINE TASTING EXAMINATION 2023

1. Wines 1, 2, 3 and 4 come are from different countries and are made using three different methods and different grape varieties.

Referring to EACH wine:

- Name the grape variety or varieties giving reasons. (8)
- Identify the origin of each wine as closely as possible, giving reasons. (8)
- Identify the method of production for each wine giving reasons. (8)
- Identify the style of wine with reasons. (8)
- Comment on the quality and average retail selling price of each. (8)

Sub Total 40 marks

- Borgo Bello Prosecco DOC Brut NV
- Villarnau Barcelona Organico Cava Brut Reserva NV
- Durbanville Hills Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc
- Champagne Barons de Rothschild Brut NV

2. Wines 5 and 6 are from the same country and are made using the same production method and the same grape varieties.

Referring to EACH wine:

- Discuss and describe the method of production in detail with reference to your tasting notes. (15)
- Indicate the grape varieties used and their contribution to the cuvée. (8)
- Discuss the appearance of each wine as an outcome of production decisions. (6)
- Score each wine with a substantiating assessment of quality based on your tasting notes. (6)

Sub Total 35 marks

- Domaine des Dieux Claudia Brut 2017
- L'Ormarins Rosé 2017

3. Wines 7, 8, 9, 10 are made according to different methods of sparkling wine production using different grape varieties and in different styles.

Referring to EACH wine with evidence drawn from your tasting notes:

- Identify the method of production with reasons. (8)
- Indicate the grape variety/ies used with reasons. (8)
- Identify the style of each wine according to dosage. (8)
- Assess the quality of each wine with reasons from your tasting notes. (8)
- Comment on the commercial positioning and give an average retail selling price for each wine based on your conclusions. (13)

Sub Total 45 marks

- Allure de-alcoholised Sparkling Wine NV Sec
- Astoria Prosecco DOC Rosé Extra Dry NV
- Pierre Jourdan Belle Nectar Demi Sec Cap Classique NV
- JC Le Roux La Chanson Sparkling Doux

Grand Total 120 marks