

# News Release

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## **Northwest Wine Academy at South Seattle Community College First of its Kind in Western Washington**

Seattle, WA – South Seattle Community College’s Northwest Wine Academy is the first Enology and Viticulture based program in the Puget Sound region. It was created in 2004 as a solution to meet industry demand for wine training in Western Washington.

The Northwest Wine Academy at SSCC offers Short-Term Certificates and Associate of Applied Arts Degrees in the following disciplines: Wine Making, Wine Marketing & Sales and Food & Wine Pairing. The first wine making classes will be launched this Fall.

The Wine Academy draws its experienced faculty from active members of the wine and hospitality industry. Instructors have included: Cyril Frechier, Manager/Cellar Master, Rover’s, Seattle and Associate of the Institute of Wine & Spirits; Regina Daigneault, sommelier and wine director; and Ron Irvine, owner and winemaker, Vashon Island Winery, and co-author of *The Wine Project*.

A group of prestigious experts from the wine and hospitality industries are the advisory team for the program. A partial list of advisors include: Robert A. Bonina, Vice President Food & Beverage, Washington Athletic Club; Mike Januik, Januik Winery; Keith Love, Vice President of Communications, Ste. Michelle Wine Estates; Joseph Miglino, Alaska Distributing; Lane Hoss, Anthony’s Restaurants; and Charla Metcalf, Public Relations Manager, Columbia Winery.

The Northwest Wine Academy is offered by the award-winning Culinary Arts program at South Seattle Community College, which is accredited by the American Culinary Federation.

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