Online Offerings: What’s the Difference?

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1. What online wine education options do you offer?

We offer two distinct online learning experiences:

- **Live-streamed in-person classes (for members only)** via Zoom.
- **Online sommelier courses** through the National Wine School (NWS), which provide professional certifications.

2. What is the live-streamed class experience?

- These are real-time streams of our in-person classes, available **only to members**.
- Classes are conducted via **Zoom** and require the Zoom app.
- Members can participate by **asking questions via chat** but do not receive wine samples.
- These classes **do not offer certification** and are **only available live**, with no recordings.
- They follow the **same curriculum as in-person attendees** but are designed for general wine lovers rather than certification seekers.

3. What are the online sommelier courses through the National Wine School?

- These are **self-paced** courses with **video lessons, assignments, quizzes, and final exams**.
- They are **designed for professional certification** and are more structured than live-streamed classes.
- Enrollment happens via our website: **Online Wine School**.
- Students receive **six months of access** to complete their coursework.
- Unlike live-streamed classes, these do **not include live instructor interaction**—they are self-guided programs.

4. Do the live-streamed classes count toward a sommelier certification?

No. Our live-streamed classes are not part of a certification program. They are general wine education courses available to members.

If you are looking for **professional certification**, you should enroll in the **NWS online sommelier courses**.

5. Can I get access to recordings of live-streamed classes?

No. These classes are only available **live** at the scheduled time.

6. How do I choose the right option for me?

- If you **want to learn about wine casually** in a live, interactive setting and are a **Wine School member**, join the **live-streamed classes**.
- If you **want a structured course with professional certification**, sign up for an **NWS online sommelier course**.

7. What are the main differences between these two options?

Feature	Live-Streamed Classes (Zoom)	Online Sommelier Courses (NWS)
Who can enroll?	Wine School **members only**	Open to **anyone**
Format	**Live-streamed** via Zoom	**Self-paced** video lessons
Interaction?	Live **Q&A via chat**	No live interaction
Certification?	**No**	**Yes, professional certification**
Wine samples?	**No**	**No**
Access?	**Live only, no recordings**	**Six months access**
Best for...	Wine lovers who want to join real-time classes	Those pursuing a professional credential