



*Renaissance Wine Academy*™

Presents

## **The Fall 2009 Premium Wine Course Series**

Featuring award-winning wine educator Gilat Ben-Dor, MBA, CSW

Join us on a 5-week journey for an eye-opening look at the fascinating world of wine! Why do some wines get all the hype? Does the cork type really matter? How can we branch out while still feeling confident in our wine choices? As a special engagement, **this 5-course series is offered at the beautiful classroom facility of WJ Bradley Mortgage Capital Corporation, 9237 East Via de Ventura Scottsdale, AZ 85258 (in same office complex as Cold Stone Creamery HQ, off of 101 & Via de Ventura).** Scroll below for more details, and **sign up at RenaissanceWineAcademy.com**

Thanks to our venue sponsor, WJ Bradley Mortgage Capital Corporation, we are able to offer this expert-led educational series at the competitive rate of only \$ 65 per class.

**\*Sign up by Sept. 16 to receive Early Bird special rate of \$ 59 per class.\***

**You may sign up for individual classes, or purchase complete series of 5 and save \$ 45!**

**Gift Certificates available. Space is limited, advance reservations required.**

Registration closes 48 hours prior to each class or when sold out.

**Sign up today at RenaissanceWineAcademy.com**

See next page for a description of each class. Programs run from 7:00-9:00 pm.

**Wednesday, Sept. 23: The 6 Essential Wines To Know**

**Tuesday, Sept. 29: Classics & Counterparts™: Get Out of Your Wine Rut!**

**Wednesday, Oct. 7: The Yin and Yang of Wine and Cheese Pairing**

**Wednesday, Oct. 14: Discover Australian Regionality: Beyond the Shiraz**

**Wednesday, Oct. 21: Bordeaux for Beginners: Demystifying a Legend**

### **Each program includes:**

- Full-length, interactive, professional-level wine course led by an internationally recognized wine expert
- Tasting portions of 4-6 wines corresponding with program theme
- Light gourmet refreshments
- Tasting note materials
- Pre-program networking session
- Door-prize drawing

Please read event policies on next page prior to registration. (Also viewable at RenaissanceWineAcademy.com)



Fall 2009 Renaissance Wine Academy Course Information: [Sign up at RenaissanceWineAcademy.com](http://RenaissanceWineAcademy.com)

**Sept. 23, 7-9 pm: The 6 Essential Wines To Know**

Wouldn't it be easy if you could narrow down your vital wine knowledge into the top 3 white and top 3 red wines? From this foundation, you can build upon your entire wine knowledge base. This session is an excellent primer or refresher course, and will also answer questions such as: What exactly is a wine's "terroir" and why has it shaped the history of wine? What is the #1 wine mistake made every day? And what are the key indicators of an Old World or a New World wine? **Advance reservations required.**

**Sept. 29, 7-9 pm: Classics & Counterparts™: Get Out of Your Wine Rut!**

Congratulations! You finally know which wines you like. So you select them again...and again...and again. If you find yourself reaching for the "old standby" wines time and again, this session is for you! Join Gilat Ben-Dor for an enlightening comparison of classic grape varieties and their tasty cousins - with a few twists! **Advance reservations required.**

**Oct. 7, 7-9 pm: The Yin and Yang of Wine and Cheese Pairing**

Cheeses around the world are produced with the same craftsmanship, regional traditions and pride as wine, and are often made with specific wines in mind. Why? To allow us to experience a nirvana of synergy with the correct wine and cheese pairings. In this session, you will learn cheese basics, as well as key techniques for pairing cheese and wine. You will come away from this content-rich session with a new appreciation for unique and delicious cheese and wine combinations from around the world. **Advance reservations required.**

**Oct. 14, 7-9 pm: Discover Australian Regionality: Beyond the Shiraz**

In the vast land of breathtaking terrain, kangaroos sometimes nap among the vines (seen with our own eyes!). Explore the signature wines of this fascinating country, and go well beyond the famous Chardonnay and Shiraz alone. As the 2008-2009 Wine Australia ambassador and winner of the national AusWISE competition, Gilat Ben-Dor will also share her personal account of her time in four different wine regions of Australia. **Advance reservations required.**

**Oct. 21, 7-9 pm: Bordeaux for Beginners: Demystifying a Legend**

Bordeaux wines evoke images of prestige...and confusion! Which is the true Bordeaux grape? And what is all the hype, anyway? Discover the rich history, drama, laws, and secrets that make Bordeaux the world classic it is today. This session is led by Gilat Ben-Dor, who is a Certified Bordeaux Educator by French agency Sopexa. **Advance reservations required.**

Questions?

Contact Renaissance Wine Academy at  
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**Program Agenda (Same for each session):**

**7:00pm** – Check-In and Networking

**7:30pm** – Program begins

**9:00pm** – Program concludes, door prize raffle drawing

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**Please Read Event Policies:** Due to the individual set-up requirements, advance reservations are required. No refunds can be made except for cancellation of event by the organizer. Registrants may send a substitute if they cannot attend, by notifying Renaissance Wine Academy of the person's name in advance. All attendees must be at least 21 years of age. No outside audio or video taping of the programs is permitted. However, Renaissance Wine Academy may record and/or photograph the event for sales or promotional purposes. By registering for one or more of these Wine Courses, you consent to all terms above with no compensation to you.



## About Gilat Ben-Dor, MBA, CSW

Gilat Ben-Dor chose the path of service to others, by helping others enjoy life through wine. As the **founder and director of Renaissance Wine Academy™** based in Scottsdale, Arizona, Gilat helps corporate groups, charities, associations and private individuals to live passionately and learn about wine through **unique wine events, classes, restaurant staff wine training, and team-building activities.**

## Credentials

In addition to an MBA in Global Management, and having lived in Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, Gilat has earned five wine credentials, from the **International Sommelier Guild, the Court of Master Sommeliers, the Society of Wine Educators, Wine Australia (Australian Wine Bureau), and is a Certified Bordeaux Educator** through French agency Sopexa.

## Awards

In 2007, Gilat was chosen out of nearly 400 women from 30 countries, to be a **Top Ten World Finalist at the Wine Women Awards in Paris.** She competed in a written, oral and blind-tasting competition in front of a panel of European judges and international journalists.

Most recently, Gilat **won the 2008-2009 AusWISE Wine Australia wine ambassador title,** representing the Southwest U.S., the result of a national competition of wine educators. Five winners nationally, including Gilat, traveled to Australia for two weeks of tasting and touring four wine regions, courtesy of the Australian Wine Bureau.

## Media

Gilat has written multiple wine and food articles, and has appeared on radio, television and in print media. She will soon be launching a wine, food and passion oriented blog.

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