



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

In Vino Veritas: Wine and Medicine From Ancient Enotria To Alcohol Test

2526-2-H4101D401

Aims

To analyse the very complex and evolving relationship between wine, medicine and economics from antiquity to the new millennium. To know the evolution of winemaking from the Mesopotamia to the very modern wineries of the new millennium. To understand the progressive changes concerning the relationship between wine and medical science and reflect on the “traditional” question still unanswered: is the wine a dangerous drink or is it just a matter of dosage and can it be considered a medicine? The different answers given over the centuries have always had a very strong influence on consumption and thus on the economy of wine-growing regions (with particular reference to the Italian case).

Contents

The course illustrates the evolution of the complex relationship between wine and medicine and economics from antiquity to the new millennium: the effects of technological and legal changes on the wine production and consumption are analysed, as well as discussions in the clinical field concerning the healthiness and danger of wine and its effects on the economy of wine-growing areas

Detailed program

Brief notes on the chemical and organoleptic characteristics of wine.

The evolution of wine-growing from antiquity to the new millennium: the role of technology (new vinification methods, more modern cellars, etc.), legal regulations (rules on hygiene, labelling, consumption, designation of origin, etc.) and marketing (invention of tradition, meditation wines, etc.).

The great growth in wine quality between the end of the 19th century and the new millennium: the effect of diseases, economic factors and (Italian and European) regulations.

The evolution of the relationship between wine and medicine: drug or poison ? is it just a matter of dosage ? Effects of the non-unique answer on the economy of wine-growing areas

Prerequisites

To be enrolled in the second year or later

Teaching form

DE - 14 hours - Frontal lessons

Textbook and teaching resource

Papers and documents provided by the professor

Semester

Second semester

Assessment method

Active participation and final interview on the main concepts presented in the course

Office hours

Contact the professor by e-mail (paolo.tedeschi@unimib.it) for an online or in-office meeting

Sustainable Development Goals

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | QUALITY EDUCATION | RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
