The Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers launches its latest short course on spirit maturation

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The Chartered Institute of Brewers and Distillers (CIBD), the most widely recognised provider of technical education in the distilling industry, has launched a brand new self-assessed and on demand technical course – Spirit Maturation.

The Spirit Maturation course is the latest in a hugely popular series of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) short courses. It is aimed at distillers producing matured spirits in distilleries of all sizes, providing a practical understanding of all stages of the spirit maturation processes. The course provides essential knowledge and best practice for spirit maturation at a commercial scale.

The course covers raw materials, how to understand their specifications, how they're used to produce wort, fermentation, batch and continuous still distillation, maturation and blending. It also explains how to assess and analyse whiskies using laboratory and sensory methods.

This course has been developed in collaboration with leading distillers and spirits experts. These include:

- Billy Mitchell – Consultant, Will and Spirit Limited
- Ian Thorn – Master Distiller and Operations Manager, The Gospel Distillery
- Maggie Campbell – CEO American Cane

The Spirit Maturation course provides the same technical excellence found in all CIBD qualifications, without needing to take a formal exam.

The course includes a downloadable PDF with technical information such as:

- A summary of the key points of the course
- Details of the significance of the analyses carried out during production
- Key calculations for spirit blending
- An overview of all aspects of spirit maturation

The course features text, videos, animations, quizzes, and online games to help enhance learning. At the end of the course, learners receive a Certificate of Completion.

On this announcement, Ed Wray, Technical Development Manager, explains:

"This course provides in-depth scientific and technical information specifically about spirit maturation. It is written in collaboration with experts in the field and with the technical rigour and accuracy that you expect from the CIBD. If you want to gain an understanding of all aspects of spirit maturation or you want to optimise your spirit maturation processes, then this is the course for you!"

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