Southwest Learning Objectives

Big concepts to know:

The relationship of Southwest France and Bordeaux from an historical perspective
The location of the sub-regions of Southwest France and the climatic influences within each

What to know about grapes:

The principal grapes of the Southwest, their synonyms and AOC strongholds

What to know about wines:

Definitions of moelleux and liquoreux
The process behind Gaillac Méthode Gaillacoise
The process behind Gaillac Primeur

What to know about AOCs:

The rivers associated with each of the Southwest sub-regions
The need-to-know AOCs within the Garonne and Tarn sub-region and their dominant grapes and wine styles
The need-to-know AOCs within Dordogne/Bergerac sub-region and their dominant grapes and wine styles
The need-to-know AOCs within the Lot River sub-region and their dominant grapes and wine styles
The need-to-know AOCs within the Pyrenees sub-region and their dominant grapes and wine styles
The relationship between the Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh zone of production and that of Madiran
The relationship between the Armagnac zone of production and that of IGP Côtes de Gascogne

What is not on the exam:

You do not need to know any AOC not given a need-to-know icon
Specific blending formulas, yields, size of AOCs, dates AOCs were granted