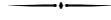




## LIQUOR STEWARDRY



### INTRODUCTION TO LIQUOR STEWARDRY



#### Liquor

(USA): Alcoholic beverage products containing distilled ethanol.

#### Butler

[related to *bottler* – in the sense of, ‘one who handles bottles’]

Oxford English Dictionary: “1.a. A servant who has charge of the wine-cellar and dispenses the liquor. Formerly also, one who hands round wine, a cup-bearer. He is now usually the head-servant of a household, who keeps the plate, etc.”

Note that though the Oxford definition above does give the common contemporary definition of butler to mean head-servant of a household, it is also clear that the original meaning makes the butler the same as a sommelier. See also below.

#### Somler | Sommelier

[From the French *sommelier* for *wine carrier* – which is itself from the French word *somme*, in the sense of ‘pack’ or ‘burden’]

Oxford English Dictionary: “A butler. A wine waiter.”

A somler, or sommelier, should have enough knowledge of wine to be of assistance to a master, or guest, in selecting wine that is apt for the meal or occasion. A somler does not need the amount of knowledge required of a proper wine steward.

#### Sommellery | Sommellerie

The act and art of being a somler, or sommelier.

#### Steward

Oxford English Dictionary: “1.a. An official who controls the domestic affairs of a household, supervising the service of his master’s table, directing the domestics, and regulating household expenditure; a major-domo.”

#### Wine Steward

By extension: An official who controls all wine-related affairs of an employing household or other establishment – including wine expenditure, stocking and service. A wine steward can easily perform the task of a butler, somler, or sommelier – but should also have knowledge far beyond what is required for those roles.

#### Liquor Steward

By extension: An official who controls all liquor-related affairs of an employing household or other establishment – including wine expenditure, stocking and service.