



WINE BASICS & TASTING

WINE BOTTLE OPENING

1. Cut below the neck of the bottle in a circular fashion while the label continues to face the guest.
2. Press your thumb against the neck of the bottle opposite the knife. Use a scraping motion to peel the foil upwards and away from the bottle. Once you have separated the foil sufficiently from the bottle, finish removing the top portion of it with your hands.
3. Hold the bottle firmly with one hand. Use the other to place the tip of the corkscrew at a slight angle in the center of the cork. Slowly twist the corkscrew and straighten while applying downward pressure. Continue twisting the corkscrew into the cork being careful to keep it travelling down the center of the cork. DO NOT twist the bottle or place the bottle on the table!
4. Place the first step of the corkscrew onto the lip of the bottle. Use sufficient pressure with one hand to leverage the cork out of the bottle as pictured. Raise the cork straight without bending. Set the second step of the corkscrew onto the lip of the bottle and continue to pull the cork out straight from the bottle, but do not pop.
5. Unscrew the cork from the corkscrew being careful not to break it. Check cork to make sure there are no puncture marks on the side or bottom that would cause cork to flake off and contaminate the bottle. Set the cork in front of the guests.



WINE BOTTLE SERVICE

All bottled wines should be presented using these steps, regardless of the cost or perceived wine knowledge of the guest.

TAKING THE ORDER

When a glass or bottle of wine is ordered, repeat the order back to the guest. Be clear and succinct. Be sure that you understand the varietal and brand desired.

PRESENTING THE BOTTLE

Treat the bottle gently, as though it were special and delicate. Tip the bottle's top back, toward your body, with the body of the bottle cradled in your arm, label side facing the host. "Present" the bottle to him or her by standing at his or her right side and restate the name of the wine including the varietal and brand.

OPENING THE BOTTLE

Follow the steps of "Wine Bottle Opening" from the previous page. Once the cork is removed, it is placed to the right of the host's place setting. He or she may choose to keep or leave the cork altogether.

DECANTING THE WINE

Typically, rich or robust wines known for sediment are on this list, among a few others that are hand selected for this process. Decanters offer a chance for wines to "breathe" and oxygenate at a faster pace than in the bottle, thus hyper-maturing the wine and readying it for drinking.

POURING THE WINE

Pour roughly one ounce into the host's glass. Step back, away from the table, and allow the host to swirl, smell, taste, and nod. Pour for each guest in turn, from the right side with the right hand, beginning with the ladies and then the men, moving clockwise around the table. The host's glass is the last to be filled.

WINE BASICS

We use wine Vac-u-Vins to ensure fresh wine

Open wine has a 5-day shelf life

Write the date on bar code

Write the date when bottle is opened

If Vac-u-Vin'd properly, the spoilage date is 5 days from that date

EXAMPLE: Opened = 8/23, then wine must be thrown out 8/28



TERMS

ACIDITY

The lively or crispness in wine that activates salivation

BODY

The weight of the wine in your mouth

OAK INFLUENCE

Gives flavors of vanilla, baking spices

TANNIN

Often causes the mouth to feel dry



All glasses of wine are a 5 oz pour

Measure and mark a glass to ensure proper pour levels

8 oz pours must be served in a carafe

Measure and mark a carafe to ensure proper pour levels

WINE BASICS

WHITE WINE

KEY TERMS

1. Citrus Fruit
2. Stone Fruit
3. Tropical Fruit
4. Honey
5. Overall Body
6. Creaminess (Oiliness)
7. Minerality (Astringency)
8. Bitterness
9. Herbaceous Aromas
10. Floral Aromas

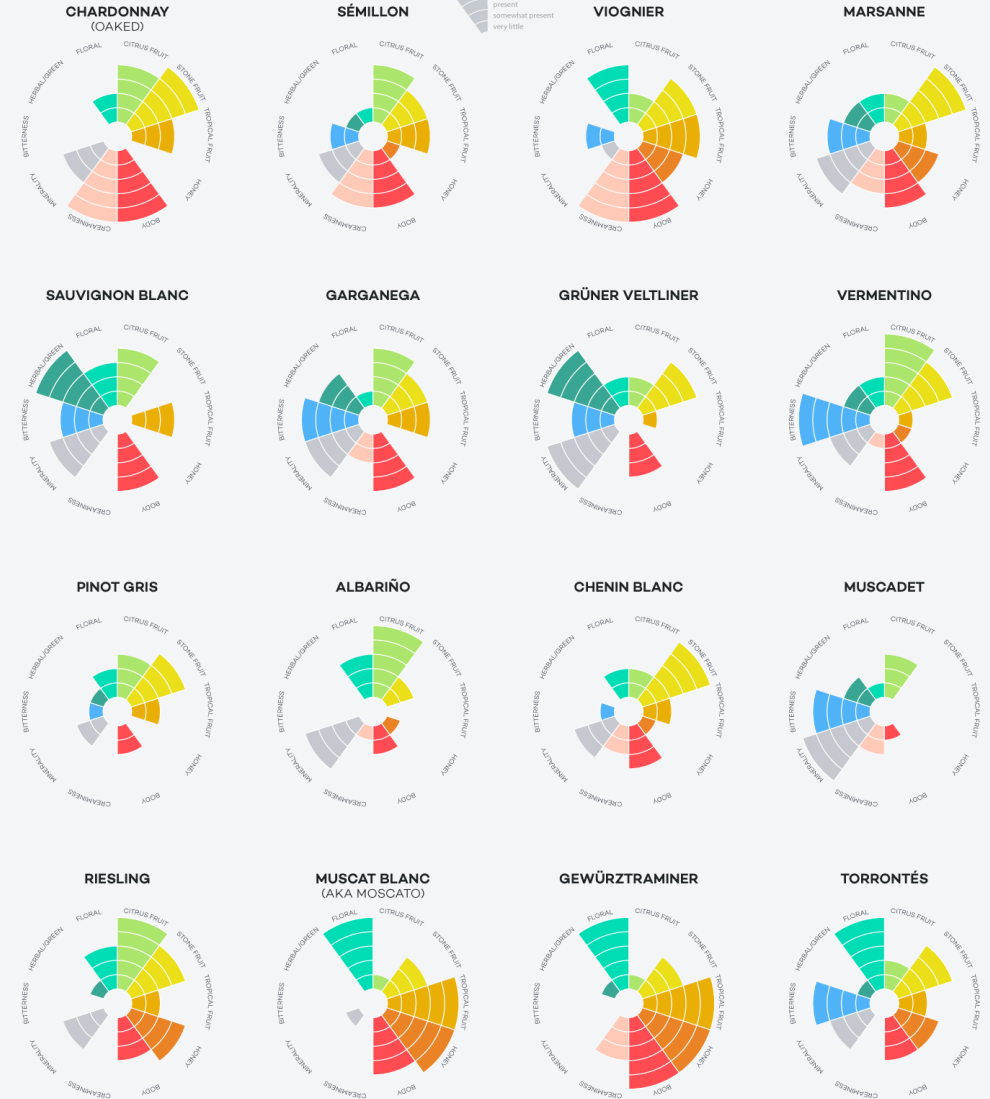


FLAVOR PROFILES

OF 16 WHITE WINE VARIETIES



LEGEND



WINE BASICS

RED WINE

KEY TERMS

1. Red Fruit
2. Black Fruit
3. Floral Aromas
4. Herbaceous
5. Pepper & Spice
6. Earthiness
7. Baking Spices & Vanilla
8. Leathery Flavors
9. Astringency
10. Body

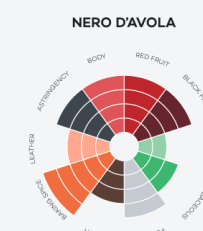
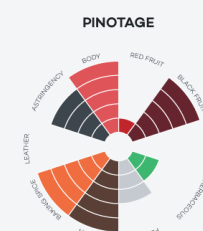
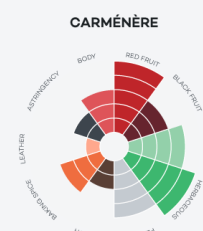
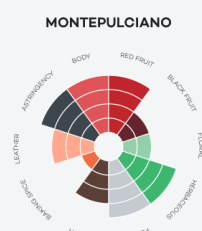
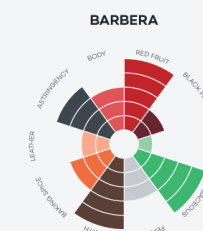
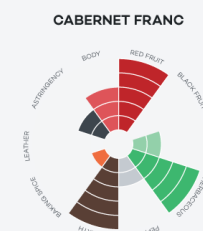
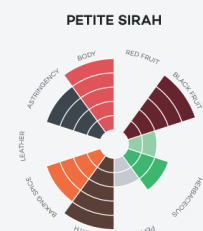
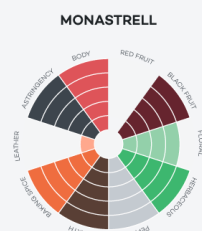
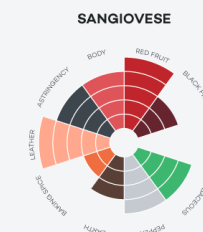
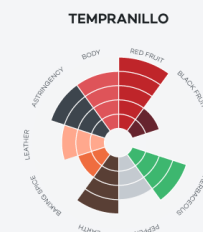
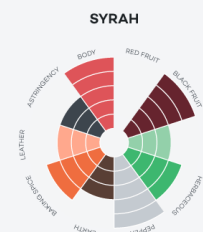
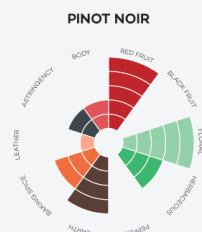
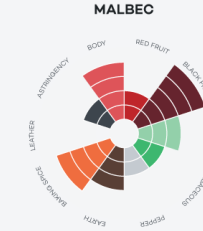
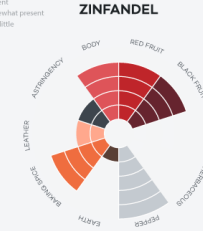


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LEGEND



WINE FOLLY

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SPARKLING WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Caposaldo

VARIETAL

Prosecco DOC Brut
100% Glera grapes

APPELLATION

Veneto, Italy

TASTING NOTES

Fruity aroma with citrus, green apple and acacia flower. Palate has a fine and persistent perlage, pleasant acidity and a soft, round mouthfeel

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

STUDIO by Miraval

VARIETAL

Rosé Blend

Grapes: Cinsault, Grenache, Rolle, Tibouren

APPELLATION

Provence, France

TASTING NOTES

A pale pink color with great clarity. Features of fresh citrus fruits on the nose giving way to strawberry, green apple, lime, raspberry, and black currant notes that stay tightly focused through the long, rich finish

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Ecco Domani

VARIETAL

Pinot Grigio

APPELLATION

Italy

TASTING NOTES

Delicate floral aroma and a crisp, refreshing finish. Fruit complexities on the palate of lemon, apple, apricot and pineapple

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Giesen

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATION

Marlborough, New Zealand

TASTING NOTES

Offering bright, soft and fresh tropical fruit with peaches and mangos to close. Pairs great with spicy cuisine.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Wente Estate Grown

VARIETAL

Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Livermore Valley, California

TASTING NOTES

Green Apple, pear and toasty oak on the nose, balanced by hints of key lime pie on the palate and a citrus finish

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Mirassou

VARIETAL

Moscato

APPELLATION

California

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of fresh fruit and floral notes. Palate of sweet peach, ripe pineapple and refreshing citrus

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

EOS Estate

VARIETAL

Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Central Coast, California

TASTING NOTES

Pleasant notes of lemon custard and pineapple are accented by light toasty nuances for added depth and character

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

The Seeker

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

Vin de Pays, France

TASTING NOTES

Red fruit, balanced acidity and ripe cherry fruit melds with earth and spice, fine tannins provide a long, smooth finish

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Inscription by King Estate

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

Willamette Valley Oregon

TASTING NOTES

Bright cherry, raspberry and strawberry notes on the nose along with baking spices and a hint of earth. Bright acid, red fruit forest floor and toast on the palate

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Rickshaw

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

California

TASTING NOTES

Black currant and blueberry on the nose, palate has flavors of dark fruit, vanilla and hints of cedar

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Sebastiani

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

North Coast, California

TASTING NOTES

Vanilla, cocoa powder, herb tea and black cherry on the nose with a medium body, well rounded tannins and a lingering finish

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Decoy by Duckhorn

VARIETAL

Merlot

APPELLATION

Sonoma, California

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of blueberry, raspberry and cassis with hints of French oak. Lively acidity, silky tannins and a long fruit forward finish