



WINE BASICS & TASTING

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



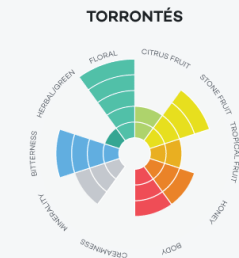
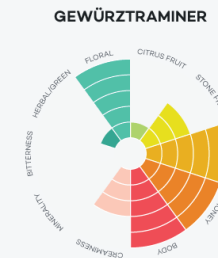
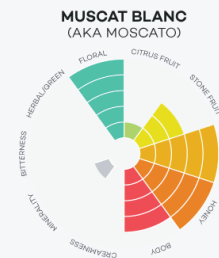
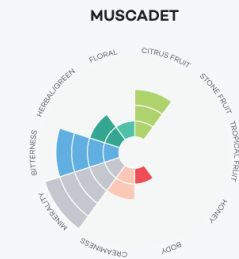
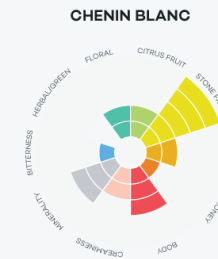
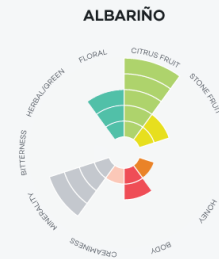
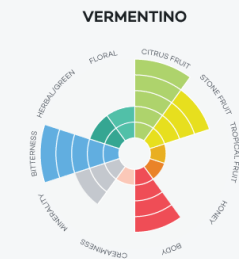
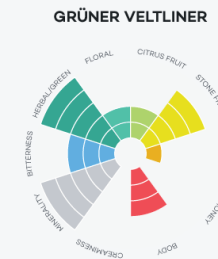
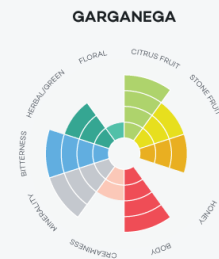
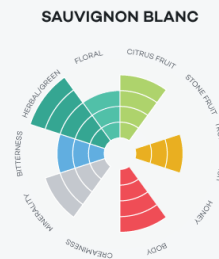
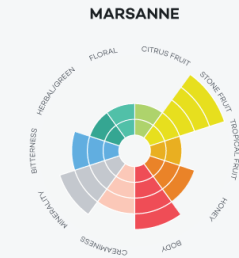
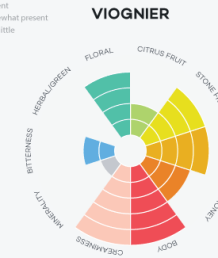
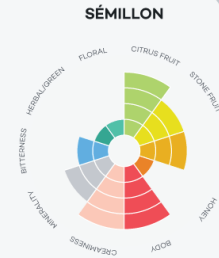
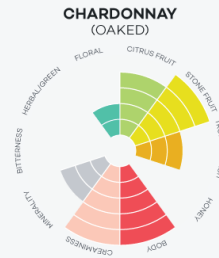
FLAVOR PROFILES

OF 16 WHITE WINE VARIETIES



LEGEND

bold & intense
pronounced
present
somewhat present
very little

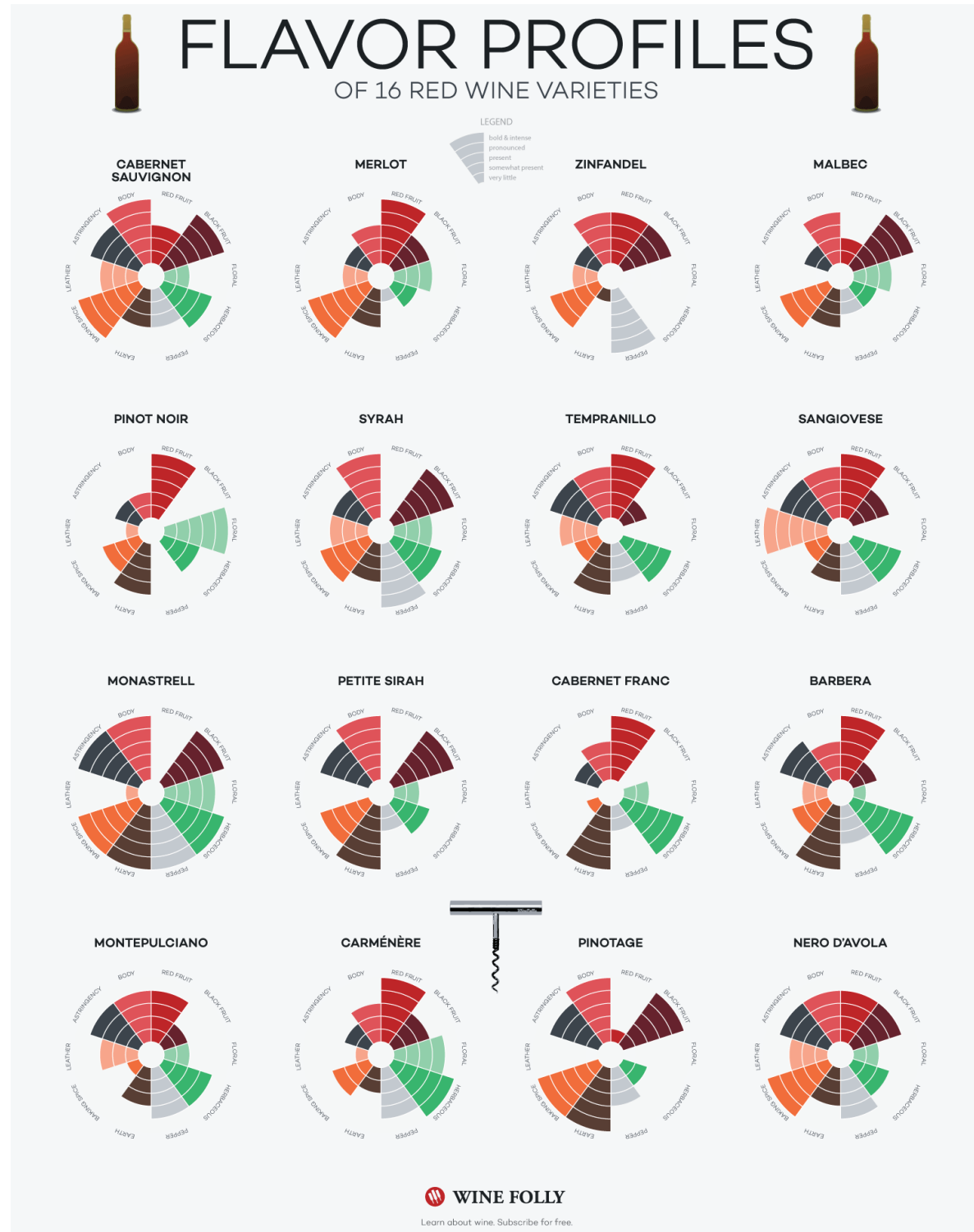


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WINE BASICS RED WINE

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



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



BetMGM Sports Lounge: SPARKLING WINES

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Belle Glos

VARIETAL

Rosé

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, CA

TASTING NOTES

Crisp and refreshing, with vibrant acidity that balances the wine's sweetness. The flavors of fresh red berries are pronounced, with a slight tart finish that lingers on the tongue. This wine has a medium body and a silky texture that makes it easy to drink.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

La Jolie Fleur

VARIETAL

Rosé

APPELLATION

Provence, France, Méditerranée Saratoga

TASTING NOTES

Soft, smooth and beautifully balanced on the palate, fruit-forward notes of white peach, raspberry, strawberry and watermelon blend with refreshing hints of sea spray and herbs.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

La Marca

VARIETAL

Prosecco

APPELLATION

Treviso, Italy

TASTING NOTES

Fruity notes of green apple, juicy peach and ripe lemon, framed by hints of minerality.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Louis Roederer Sparkling Brut

VARIETAL

Brut Champagne

APPELLATION

Anderson Valley, CA

TASTING NOTES

Crisp and elegant with complex pear, spice and hazelnut flavor. It is fresh and lightly fruity with great finesse and depth flavor.



BetMGM Sports Lounge: WHITE & ROSÈ WINES

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Ecco Domani

VARIETAL

Pinot Grigio

APPELLATION

Delle Venezie

TASTING NOTES

On the palate, it is a complex wine that offers delicate floral and tropical fruit notes of pineapple, passion fruit and mango. On the finish, an intense aroma of Williams pear complements the bright acidity.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Frenzy

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATION

Blenheim, New Zealand

TASTING NOTES

Crisp, refreshing, vibrant, aromatic and energetic with hints of peach, grapefruit, lime, melon and fresh cut grass.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Duckhorn

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc

APPELLATION

North Coast, CA

TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits appealing and attractive nuances. Enjoy its alluring aromas and flavors of savory spices, dried herbs, and ripe citrus with grilled prawns accented with Fresno chilies and lime zest.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Chalk Hill

VARIETAL

Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Sonoma Coast, CA

TASTING NOTES

Bright, forward, balanced and approachable. Enticing aromas of bright pear, peach, spice and vanilla lead into a broad-textured, and creamy palate. With its cool-climate influences, this chardonnay has remarkable varietal intensity, balanced acidity and mineral notes that complement the rich and full flavors of fresh pear, orange peel, and toasted almond.

WHITE WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Belle Glos Chardonnay

VARIETAL

Chardonnay

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, CA

TASTING NOTES

On the palate refreshing stone fruit, lemon custard, and tropical flower. This wine has a well-balanced mouthfeel that dances on the palate with bright and lively acidity and minerality resulting in a phenomenal expression of a coast driven Chardonnay.



BetMGM Sports Lounge: RED WINES

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

Belle Glos Clark & Telephone

VARIETAL

Pinot Noir

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, CA

TASTING NOTES

Bold and sophisticated on the palate with flavors of dry cherry, crushed lavender, and chocolate covered blueberries. The texture is rich and velvety which leads to a long, structured finish.

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Sebastiani

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

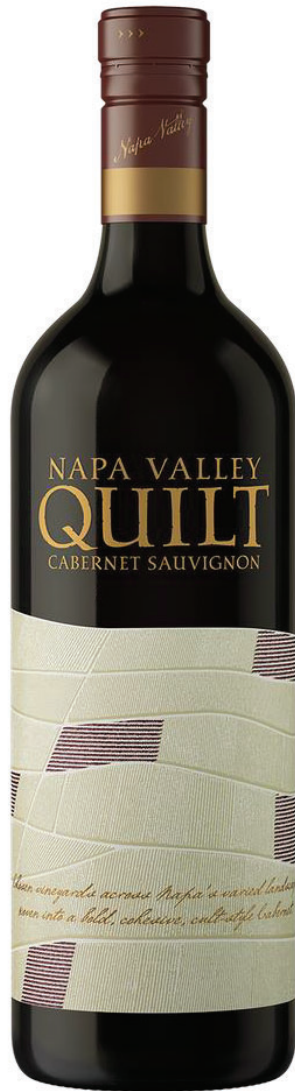
APPELLATION

North Coast, CA

TASTING NOTES

Opens with aromas of black cherry, coconut and Cabernet-spice. The palate is medium-bodied and led with juicy flavors of blackberry, plum, currant and a toasty oak.

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Napa Valley Quilt

VARIETAL

Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, CA

TASTING NOTES

Bold and opulent flavors of boysenberry jam, dark chocolate, and Malabar plum with a hint of clove. This Cabernet Sauvignon is elegant on the palate, with strong acidity and a long, smooth finish accompanied by velvety tannins.

RED WINE TASTING NOTES



BRAND

Threadcount

VARIETAL

Red Blend

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, CA

TASTING NOTES

Bold flavors of boysenberry pie, sugar cookie, and toffee lead to subtle notes of strawberry jam and baking spice. The balanced and complex tannin structure creates a long-lasting enjoyable finish.