



### BAR SET UP METHODOLOGY



A properly setup bar impacts the efficiency of the team member, while also impacting the guest experience. It is important for the bar to be neat, clean, and organized in order to deliver positive results in both areas. Bar setups must also allow for "World Class Positioning," creating complete drink stations that are independent from each other. Focus on three key elements when setting up drink stations.

#### **EXECUTE TOP 10 COCKTAILS**

Bartenders should be able to execute each of the Top 10 selling cocktails without moving more than one step. This includes all aspects of the drink- glassware, ice, ingredients, garnish, tools, etc.

#### **EVERY STATION, EVERY SHIFT**

The time spent setting up and breaking down a drink station is not worth the decreased guest engagement due to having to leave the front bar to make a drink at the service well. Staying "on stage" increases guest satisfaction and beverage sales.

#### **EVALUATED WITH LTO'S & MENU LAUNCHES**

Setup should change with new LTO's and menu prints. Run P-Mix Reports to evaluate the spirit layout in the speed rails and service tiers. The Top 10 cocktails may shift seasonally, and so should the product layout.



# SERVICE BAR ETIQUETTE



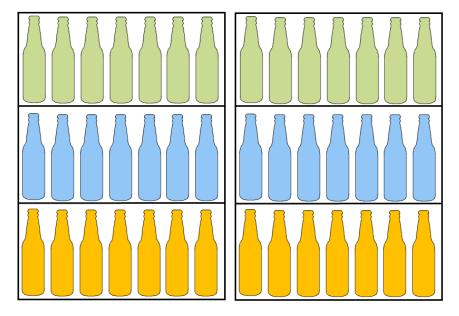
World-class bartenders must always be aware of the service well and server tickets. While you must maintain guest's drinks that are at your bar, it is also your responsibility to make drinks for guests who are dining at tables in a timely manner. While engaging in conversation with your guests, maintain a vantage point that allows you a peripheral view of the service well. It is perfectly acceptable to excuse yourself from a guest to attend to a server's needs.

## A few guidelines to remember about the service well and server tickets:

- Never make a server's drinks without a drink ticket.
- Be sure all drinks are entered into the POS correctly.
- Coach servers on correct drink ringing when necessary and do not prepare any drinks that are improperly rung-in until they are rung-in correctly.
- Never allow servers to waste time at the service bar. If they are waiting for drinks, encourage them to help restock items, run drinks or food, etc.



# BAR SETUP BACK BAR COOLER



#### **PACKAGE BEER ITEMS**

**Top Shelf** – Regional & Local Craft Brands

Middle Shelf – National Craft & Import Brands

**Bottom Shelf** – Domestic Beer & Seltzer Brands

#### **Package Beer Items Best Practices**

All bar coolers should be operating between 34°F - 38°F.

Routine cleaning of the door gaskets and vents and/or filters are necessary.

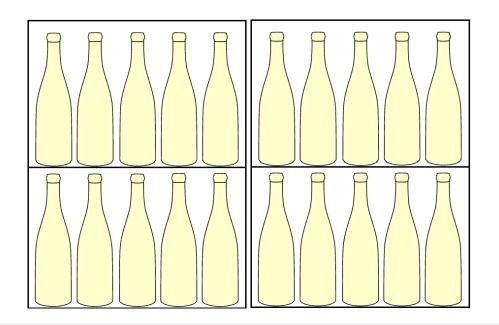
Bar coolers with glass doors must have operating lights to merchandise the product selections.

Packaged beer is fully stocked, fronted, and faced at opening, shift change, and closing.

Every packaged beer sold is present for guest view.



## **BAR SETUP**BACK BAR COOLER



#### **GLASSWARE & WINE ITEMS**

Top Shelf - White Wine Brands

a. White Wine Brands offered By the Glass

**Bottom Shelf** - White Wine Brands

a. White Wine Brands offered By the Bottle – Champagne offered by the Glass

#### **BAR COOLER BEST PRACTICES**

All bar coolers should be operating between 34°F - 38°F.

Routine cleaning of the door gaskets and vents and/or filters are necessary.

Bar coolers with glass doors must have operating lights inside to merchandise the product selections.

Wine varietals are fully stocked, fronted, and faced at opening, shift change, and closing.

Front bottle is opened, pouring bottle for items BTG. Others are chilled backups.



### **BAR SETUP** SERVICE BAR COOLER





#### **BAR SERVICE ITEMS**

- Backup garnishes: fruits and herbs stored properly
- Backup mixes and batch mix items
- Bulk juices

#### **BAR SERVICE ITEMS BEST PRACTICES**

All bar coolers should be operating between 34°F - 38°F.

Routine cleaning of the door gaskets and vents and/or filters are necessary.

Items must be covered, labeled, dated, and rotated "First In, First Out".

Each shelf should be neat, clean, and organized; all products are in guest sightlines, so items are stored with a place and purpose.

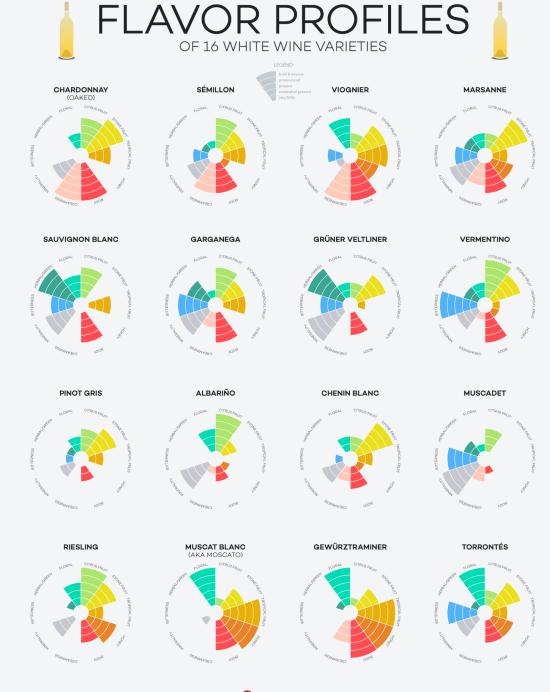




# WINE BASICS WHITE WINE

#### **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



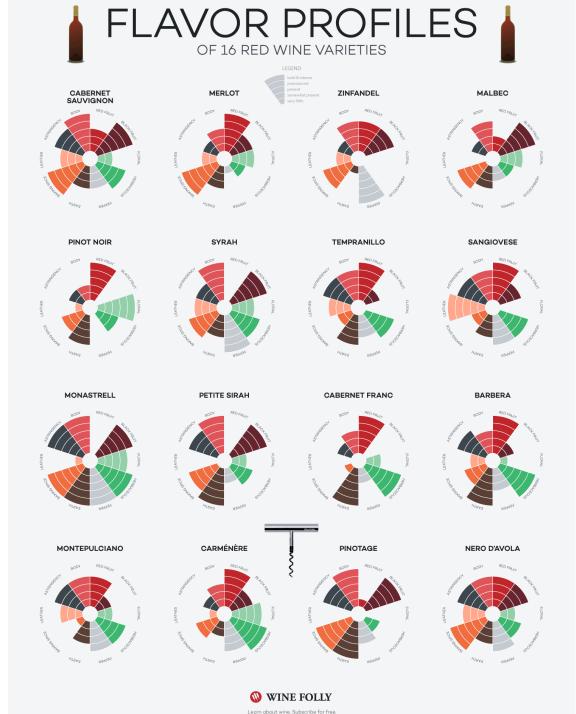




# WINE BASICS RED WINE

#### **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 45° angle in the center of the cork. Pierce the cork while slowly twisting the corkscrew and straightening 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 straight from the bottle, but do not pop.
- 5. Unscrew the cork from the corkscrew being careful not to break it. Inspect cork to ensure 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 guest who ordered the wine.













### 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 facing the host. "Present" the bottle to them by standing at their right side and restate the name of the wine including the varietal, brand, and year.

#### **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. They 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 "breath" and oxygenate at a faster pace that 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

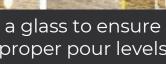
If Vac-u-Vin'd properly, the spoilage date is 5 days from that date

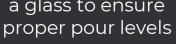
EXAMPLE: Opened = 8/23, then wine must be thrown out



All glasses of wine are a 5 oz pour

Measure and mark





8 oz pours must be



served in a carafe

Measure and mark a carafe to ensure





proper pour levels

#### **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

