



WINE ONLINE



RED WINE GRAPE VARIETIES

CABERNET SAUVIGNON Full-bodied dry, high tannins in young wine becoming silken with age. Green pepper, blackcurrant, cassis, cedar, leather, tobacco. Bordeaux, Languedoc, Italy, Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa, New Zealand, USA.

MERLOT Smooth and mellow. Less tannin than Cabernet Sauvignon. Red fruits, summer pudding, chocolate, baked figs, gentle spices. Bordeaux, Chile, Argentina, New Zealand, Australia, Italy.

PINOT NOIR This grape creates a delicate, light to mid-bodied wine with great complexity and soft tannins. Hints of forest fruits, leaf mould, compost, worn leather. Burgundy, Alsace, Italy, Chile, New Zealand, Australia, USA.

MALBEC Inky dark with thick skin (soft tannins) and spice. Medium to full-bodied, velvety soft, full flavour. Berries, brambles, old leather, smoke, cocoa. Long tobacco finish. Cahors, Bordeaux, Loire, Chile, Australia, USA.

CARMÉNÈRE Deep red, full-bodied, has been mistaken for Merlot. Gentler and softer tannins than Cabernet Sauvignon. Good finish. Berries, spices, green pepper, earthy, smoky. Médoc, Chile, Italy, Australia, USA, New Zealand.

GRENAACHE Soft on the palate, high alcohol, low acidity. Warm, deep and complex. White pepper, Provence herbs, fruity berries. Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhône, Roussillon, Languedoc, Australia, Spain.

SYRAH (Shiraz in South Africa and Australia) Very drinkable wine that ages well. Dark and full-bodied. Medium to high tannin. Punchy flavours and spicy finish. Black fruits, brambles, plums, spice, black pepper, sweaty leather. Rhône, Languedoc, Australia, South Africa, Chile, Argentina.

ZINFANDEL Loves the sun. Low to medium acidity, medium to full body, fruity and peppery. Versatile combination of fresh youth and deeper age. Berries and brambles, cinnamon, anise, USA, Italy.

SANGIOVESE Medium body, light colour, high acidity, moderate tannins and complex flavours. Herbs, plums, berries, sour cherries, vanilla, spice. Italy (Chianti), Argentina, Australia, USA.

GAMAY Youthful and fruity. Dry with high acidity, the fruitiest of grapes. Bubblegum, strawberries, raspberries, some floral notes of lilac and violet. Beaujolais, Mâcon, Loire, Languedoc, New Zealand.





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WHITE WINE GRAPE VARIETIES

SAUVIGNON BLANC Light and tangy, fresh and verdant, crisp. Light to medium acidity. Aroma indicates quality, sour to tropical fruits with grassy overtones. New Zealand, Loire, Bordeaux, Chile, South Africa.

GEWÜRZTRAMINER A bold and crisp wine, high in acidity, intense and aromatic. Exotic flavours of Turkish delight, spicy ginger, tropical lychees. This grape makes a very sweet or a very dry wine. Alsace, Germany, Italy, Chile, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand.

PINOT GRIGIO (Pinot Gris in France) The famous Italian Grigio is light-bodied, crisp and fresh. Heady stone fruit and floral aromas. Pino Gris is slightly fuller-bodied, richer and spicier. Alsace, Italy, Germany, Australia and USA.

PINOT BLANC Similar to Pinot Noir but often confused with Chardonnay, although it is crisper and lighter. Good fruits, citrus flavours and aromas, high acidity, drunk young. Alsace, Germany, Italy.

CHARDONNAY Also called white Burgundy, and used for Chablis. Rich and full-bodied. Described as buttery and creamy, hints of apples, quince and hazelnut or even melons in warmer climates. Notes of vanilla when aged with oak. Chablis, Burgundy, New World countries.

VIOGNIER A grape that almost became extinct. Complex, medium body, low to medium acidity. Apricots, peaches, spice. Floral aroma, often jasmine. Headier wines from warmer regions. Rhône, Languedoc, Australia, USA, South Africa, Chile.

RIESLING Some are very sweet, but many are light, crisp, dry and fruity. A racy citrus and fragrant wine with flavours of lime cordial and, with bottle age, petrol or kerosene. German origins. Alsace, Australia, New Zealand, USA, South Africa, Chile.

SÉMILLON Waxy, blossomy, rounded in texture, relatively neutral in taste. Toasty with age and marmalade-y when affected by noble rot. Often blended to balance its strong grassiness. Bordeaux, Chile, Argentina, Australia, USA.

CHENIN BLANC High acidity produces dry and sweet wines that gain complexity with age. Light and fruits, some say woolly, stewed apples, baked quince and honey (especially in dessert wine). Loire, South Africa, USA, Australia, New Zealand.

MOSCATO Famous for its sweet flavours of peaches and orange blossom and hint of Middle Eastern musk. Often made into sweet dessert wines and fortified wines. Alsace, Languedoc, Austria, Italy, USA, Australia.

