

Matching Wine With Food

The right wine with the right food is a simple statement but difficult to define. In reality the right wine is the one that you enjoy drinking.

There are well tried and tested conventions that will allow you to match food and wine so that you will be able to get more out of your dining experience. The generally accepted rule of "like with like" can assist:

*Sweet wine with sweet food
Sour foods with acidic wines
Bitter with bitter
Salty food with acidic wines
Red wine with red meat
White wine with white meat*

There are of course many exceptions to this rule and dining has become far more exotic than in the past. It is also difficult to tell which wines are acidic or which retain bitterness. Experience is the answer. Improvement of the palate and your perception of the four primary tastes of wine and food, sour, bitter, sweet and salt (in food only).

The more wine you experience the better you will become

By the glass

Sparkling Wine

La Montelliana Prosecco Treviso DOC, Brut, Veneto, Italy 8

White Wine

Balthasar Ress Estate Von Unserm Riesling Trocken Germany (dry) 12

Weinhaus Ress Riesling Feinherb, Rheingau, Germany (fruity) 8

Le Due Torri Pinot Grigio, Grave del Friuli DOC, Venezia Giulia, Italy 8

Rosé Wine

Casillero Del Diablo Shiraz Rosé, Rapel Valley, Chile 8

Gallo Family Vineyard Grenache Rosé, California, USA 8

Red Wine

Weinhaus Ress Pinot Noir, Rheingau, Germany 8

Rocca Sveva Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso, Veneto, Italy 8

Desert Sweet Wine

Balthasar Ress Hattenheim Nussbrunnen Riesling Auslese, Germany 22

Champagne

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| Moët & Chandon Brut, Epernay, France – ½ bottle Bright blend of fruits and a seductive palate with an elegant maturity. | 50 |
| Charles de Laroche Grande Cuvée Brut, Epernay, France A very aromatic and well balanced champagne. Works wonderfully with appetisers. Very good fruit and some nutty complexity. | 100 |
| Taittinger Brut Réserve Reims, France Light, delicate nose with biscuit and brioche hints. It has considerable depth and elegance. | 110 |
| Moët & Chandon Brut, Epernay, France Bright blend of fruits and a seductive palate with an elegant maturity. | 110 |
| Fleury Brut Rosé, France this unique wine displays fresh aromas of ripe strawberries and red currants. Light and delicate, easily paired with seafood and sushi or enjoyed as an aperitif. | 135 |
| Dom Pérignon, France 2003 A spectacular Champagne. The palate shows pungent citrus with yeasty dough and a pointed acidity. | 320 |

Sparkling Wine

Don Luciano Moscato, Spain

Natural sweet wine with yellow color and fine bubbles, on the mouth is light and elegant.

30

La Montelliana Prosecco Treviso DOC, Brut, Veneto, Italy

Fine sparkling wine Straw-yellow colour with greenish hints, fine and rich pelage, with a typical fruity bouquet.

38

Asti Martini Moscato DOCG, Martini & Rossi, Piedmont, Italy

This sparkling wine is a great partner to fruity dessert, pastry and ice cream sweet flavoured wine with a dry taste.

40

Non Alcoholic Sparkling Wine

White Grape

10

Red Grape

10

White Wine France

Michel Picard Chardonnay, Burgundy

Pale yellow with lime hints. Complex nose of white flowers and citrus fruit aromas.

50

Michel Picard Chablis, Burgundy

Light golden yellow with green tints. Floral aromas with citrus tinges. Frank attack which develops citrus and floral aromas.

70

White Wine Portugal

Gatão Vinho Verde, Vinho Borges, Vinho Verde DOC

the Gatão is one of the most emblematic wines of the Vinhos Verdes Region.

35

White Wine Italy

Le Due Torri Pinot Grigio, Grave del Friuli DOC, Venezia Giulia

this wine has a pale straw-yellow colour and a pleasing, light, fruity fragrance at the nose; a bouquet that is reminiscent of Kaiser Pear. Toasted apple seeds and sweet almonds.

40

White Wine Spain

Contrapunto Albariño, Rias Baixas Galicia

Clear bright straw yellow with green hues that shows its youth. At the nose fresh and fruity with a touch of green fresh citrus fruits and tropical fruit aromas.

50

White Wine Germany

- Weinhaus Röss Riesling Feinherb, Rheingau (fruity)** 38
Crisp, medium-bodied fruity Riesling, with lemon, lime and apple fruit flavours, finishing with a floral lift. The perfect wine for a warm climate.
- Balthasar Röss Estate Von Unserm Riesling Trocken (dry)** 60
Musky like a melon, with notes of pineapple and lime, this golden-hued, acidic stunner and clean finish.
- Klump Estate Grauburgunder Trocken Pinot Gris** 66
Full-bodied oak Pinot Gris with a nice creamy, yellow flesh of a ripe fruit, ripe pear.

White Wine Chile

- Casillero Del Diablo Sauvignon Blanc, Central Valley** 40
Straw with green hues. The aromas are attractive with hints of citrus, peaches and gooseberry. On the palate, the wine is elegant, round, and mouth-filling. The wine is also balanced with attractive, crispy acidity.
- Marques de Casa Concha Chardonnay, Maipo Valley** 60
Super fresh, with vibrant tangerine, yellow apple and heather notes backed by nice cut on the mineral-filled finish. A deliciously unadorned style.

White Wine South Africa

- Kleine Zalze Chenin Blanc, Stellenbosch** 55
Elegant and likeable with baked honey, nectarine, barley sugar and ripe apricot. Vibrant fresh acidity kicks in keeping the finish clean and dry.

White Wine New Zealand

Overstone Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

40

The Overstone Sauvignon Blanc has ripe tropical and gooseberry fruit flavors with a zingy finish and impeccable balance. A great aperitif or seafood wine made for drinking young. Serve lightly chilled.

Cloudy Bay Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough

90

Vibrant aromatics infuse the tropical fragrance of passion fruit and pineapples with basil and crushed tomato leaves. Long and succulent palate, combining exotic fruits with ripe, red capsicum and green olive. Crisp natural acidity.

White Wine Thailand

Monsoon Valley Colombard, Siam Winery, Hua Hin Valley

40

Delicate style similar to Sauvignon Blanc. Light to medium body, crisp acidity, and complex aromas of citrus and green apple give a medium finish. Pure lemon and grapefruit flavors make it ideal for sipping on a hot day or to accompany Thai, Indian or western dishes.

Rosé Wine France

Whispering Angel, Château d'Esclans, Provence

65

One of the world's finest rosés. Aromas of cherries, and rose petals spill on to a lively palate of summer fruits including wild strawberries, white nectarine and quince.

Rosé Wine Chile

Casillero Del Diablo Shiraz Rosé, Rapel Valley

35

Appealing aromas of fresh red fruits, particularly strawberries and raspberries. Very evident spicy notes, a variety-related trait.

Rosé Wine USA

Gallo Family Vineyards Grenache Rosé, California

35

Medium-bodied wine whose acidity is more dominant than sweetness. This wine showcases fruit flavors of dried cranberry with fresh cherry.

Red Wine Germany

Weinhaus Röss Pinot Noir, Rheingau

35

Light-bodied, fragrant, full of sweet red fruit within a delicate structure. This is a delicious, moreish German Pinot Noir.

Meyer Nakel Spätburgunder Trocken 2011

80

Full body Pinot Noir The tannins and the 16-month aging in oak barrels and partly in new oak barrels give the wine a stable structure. Powerful and fruity with roasted flavors and a tight finish.

Red Wine Italy

Cantine Leonardo Chianti DOCG, Tuscany

35

Clear, ruby-red in colour, with reasonable depth and 'legs' indicating good structure. Perfumes of cherries and fresh red fruit mingle with spicy, peppery notes. The wine is lively and fresh in the mouth, with soft, rounded tannins.

Rocca Sveva Valpolicella Superiore Ripasso, Veneto

60

Easy notes of spice and mature fruit with a distinctive note of almond nut. It delivers a lean, but firm mouthfeel with a light alcoholic push at the end.

Red Wine France

- Château Merlet Cuvée “Les Collines Fleuries”, Bordeaux** 40
this fresh, pleasant red wine appeals immediately by its bright cherry red colour with purple tints. On the nose, this Bordeaux offers plenty of finesse with peppery notes that give way to aromas of redcurrant and strawberry.
- Michel Picard Pinot Noir, Bourgogne** 55
Cherry red colour with purple tints. Concentrated and fruity – raspberry cherry, black currant –, with a slight tinge of sweet spices. The structure includes a beautiful flexibility and moderate tannins. Final notes of red berries.
- Michel Picard Mercurey 1^{er} Cru, Bourgogne** 80
on the palate fresh and aromatic; the freshness of white fruits and flowers can be rediscovered.

Red Wine Spain

- Faustino VII, Bodegas Faustino, Rioja** 38
Lively red with ochre hues. Well balanced nose, beautifully combined the vanilla from the oak and the fruitiness from the grape. In mouth it is velvety and elegant, intense and very persistent.
- Muga Reserva Rioja DOCa 2010** 84
Shows very good spicy lift in the mouth, offering sweet raspberry and cherry flavors and an undercurrent of smoky minerals.

Red Wine Australia

Rothbury Estate Cabernet Merlot, New South Wales

Smoky blueberry and blackcurrant on the nose with a ripe palate showing flavours of cassis and hints of chocolate.

30

McWilliam's Hanwood Estate Shiraz, South Eastern Australia

the wine is dry, not too acidic, not particularly tannic. General note of spice bringing touches of nutmeg and clove alternating with vanilla. Blackberry, black plum and raspberry hold up the fruit end of the equation.

45

Red Wine South Africa

Diemersfontein Pinotage, Wellington

Dark chocolate with a hint of mint and baked plums on the nose. Ripe subtle unique style of Pinotage.

60

Red Wine Chile

Casillero del Diablo, Carmenère, Rapel Valley

Soft and round, medium bodied, pleasant tannins, nice balance of sugar. A light fruity wine with the taste of dark chocolate, coffee and toast.

35

Marques de Casa Concha Merlot, Rapel Valley

an impressive Merlot that showcases good structure and richness. From its dark and deep red colour the nose is muscular and delivers complex notes.

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Red Wine New Zealand

Overstone Pinot Noir, Marlborough

40

Concentrated black cherry and dark berry aromas which follow through to the palate where dark berry fruit and cherry flavors are supported by soft tannins.

Red Wine Argentina

Trivento Réserve Malbec, Mendoza

35

the nose is rich in spices, black berries plum and a touch of vanilla from the oak ageing. On the palate is dry, intense vigorous, with an intense tannic structure and nice slightly bitter aftertaste. Long and persistent. Full body.

Red Wine USA

Rancho Zabaco Zinfandel, California

40

this is a well-structured wine, immediately approachable, offering spice and blackberry fruit that is both elegant and intense. Enticing flavours and aromas of ripe raspberry, black cherry and rich jammy fruit marries well with warm coconut and vanilla nuances.