

FLAVORS + WINE ||



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In order to make this winelist more navigable, it is organized by flavor profile and then by grape type. Under each grape type, there is a brief description of its major texture and flavor characteristics as well as suggested pairings.

1. Pick the flavor profile of a wines you like, e.g. "SPICE + REDS"
2. Read through the brief descriptions of the grapes on the page
3. Select a wine based on the tasting notes ascribed to it

Tip: look for a grape you usually enjoy, try another grape from that same category that sounds good!

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BUBBLES

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Sweetness: dry || Body: light || Pairings: chicken, white meat, salads
Tasting notes: green apples, red fruits, raspberries, pears

1002	Tiamo Prosecco nv Veneto, Italy (light, fresh)	30
1001	Gruet Blanc Truth or Consequences, New Mexico (red berries)	44
1005	Schramsberg Mirabelle Brut nv North Coast, California (crisp)	42
1008	Henriot "Souverain" Blanc des Blancs nv Champagne (delicate)	82
1018	Piper Heidsieck "Sauvage" Brut Rose nv Champagne (dry, pink)	100
1010	Barbolini Lambrusco, sparkling red, Lambrusco, Italy (dark red)	40
1004	Saint-Hilaire, brut, Limoux, Roussillon, France (floral, melon)	30

DRY + ROSÉS

DRY ROSES

Sweetness: dry || Body: light || Pairings: chicken, white meat, salads
Tasting notes: spices, strawberries, cherries, raspberries

1162	Boulder Creek / 2010 / Grand Valley, Colorado (weighty, clean)	36
1081	Miraval "Pink Floyd" / 2010 / Cotes de Provence, France (light, crisp)	40

CRISP + WHITES

CORTESE

Sweetness: dry || Body: light || Pairings: seafood
Tasting notes: almonds, citrus fruits, grassy

1064	Cascina Degli Ulivi / 2008 / Gavi, Italy (bio-dynamic)	48
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GRUNER VELTLINER

Sweetness: dry || Body: light || Pairings: seafood
Tasting notes: almonds, citrus fruits, grassy

1053	Domaine Wachau / 2010 / Wachau, Austria (notes of banana)	33
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MUSCADET

Sweetness: dry || Body: light || Pairings: shellfish
Tasting notes: green apple, nutty, grassy

1079	Domaine de la Pépière / 2010 / Sèvre et Maine, France (sur lie, slightly salty)	34
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PINOT GRIGIO

Sweetness: dry || Body: light to medium || Pairings: seafood, pastas
Tasting notes: subtle fruit flavors, lemon, pear, apple

1051	Giocato / 2010 / Gorsika Brda, Slovenia (pears, stone fruits)	32
1052	Pighin / 2008 / Collio, Friuli, Italy (world class example)	51

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sweetness: dry || Body: light to medium || Pairings: fish, white meat
Tasting notes: limes, grapefruit, grassy, gooseberry, jalapeño

1058	Canyon Wind / 2010 / Grand Valley, Colorado (lemon zest, light)	32
1028	Michel Redde / 2007 / Pouilly-Fume, France (flinty)	55
1040	Honig / 2010 / Napa Valley, California (oranges, grapefruit)	30
1032	Hanna / 2010 / Russian River Valley, California (floral)	44
1036	Long Boat / 2010 / Marlborough, New Zealand (ruby red grapefruit)	30

VERDEJO

Sweetness: dry || Body: medium || Pairings: veg., seafood, chicken
Tasting notes: tropical, stone fruits, peaches, apricots

1084	Shaya "Old Vine" / 2010 / Rueda, Spain honeydew)	40
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AROMATIC + WHITES

PINOT GRIS

Sweetness: off dry || Body: full with rich texture || Pairings: white meats
Tasting notes: honeysuckle, banana, melons, peaches

1030	Kahil Winery / 2010 / Snipes Mountain, Colorado (light & tropical)	40
1152	Garrett Estate Cellars / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (fruity & light)	36
1082	Owen Roe / 2010 / Oregon (mineral, layered, complex)	42

RIESLING

Sweetness: medium dry || Body: light & delicate || Pairings: lighter fare
Tasting notes: green fruit, tropical, herbal tea

1108	Settembre Cellars / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (dry, delicate, complex)	56
1075	Whitewater Hill / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (semi-sweet)	36
1101	Carlson "Laughing Cat" / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (semi-sweet)	36
1056	Plum Creek / 2008 / Grand Valley/West Elks (herbal tea finish)	40
1076	Marcel Deiss / 2007 / Alsace, France (dry)	52

RICH + WHITES

CHARDONNAY

Sweetness: dry || Body: full || Pairings: white meats, lobster, butter, creamy sauces
Tasting notes: green apple, tropical, citrus, vanilla (if oaked)

1165	Guy Drew / 2009 / Cortez, Colorado (tropical, unoaked)	36
1126	Settembre Cellars / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (dry, graceful)	58
1158	Fevre "Champs Royaux" / 2008 / Chablis, France (light, unoaked)	60
1164	Manciat / 2009 / Macon-Charnay, Burgundy, France (supreme balance)	52
1141	Three Rivers / 2008 / Columbia Valley, Washington (creamy texture)	36
1153	Rombauer / 2010 / Carneros (buttery, oaky)	64
1131	Point Concepcion / 2009 / Santa Barbara, California (half oaked)	36
1163	Cakebread Cellars / 2010 / Napa Valley, California (minerals, lime, peach)	87

MARSANNE/ROUSSANNE BLENDS

Sweetness: dry || Body: full || Pairings: rich white meat dishes, grilled seafood
Tasting notes: peaches, nuts, pears, spices, apricots

1104	Barrel 27 "High on the Hog" / 2009 / Paso Robles, California (big wine)	48
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VIOGNIER & VIOGNIER BLENDS

Sweetness: dry to medium dry || Body: full || Pairings: rich seafood dishes, mild spicy
Tasting notes: lychee, orange blossom, apricots, herbs

1094	Salt Bistro's "Trap Door" / 2010 / Grand Valley, CO (blended by our staff!)	40
1105	Fess Parker / 2009 / Santa Barbara (rich & peachy)	49
1054	Sokol Blosser "Evolution 14th Edition" America (semi-sweet blend)	38

LIGHT & FRUITY + REDS

BARBERA

Tannin: low || Body: medium || Pairings: tomatoes, pastas
Tasting notes: cherry pit, plums, blackberries

1440 Iuli "Rossore" / 2007 / Monferato, Italy (oak aging adds body) 48

CINSAULT

Tannin: low || Body: light || Pairings: grilled chicken, white meat, salads
Tasting notes: spices, strawberries, cherries, raspberries

1319 Sutcliffe Vineyards / 2009 / McElmo Canyon, Colorado (Colorado Beaujolais, fruity & light) 58

CABERNET FRANC

Tannin: low || Body: medium || Pairings: lighter meat, pastas, salads
Tasting notes: raspberries, cedar, bell pepper, blackcurrant

1312 Colterris / 2010 / Grand Valley, Colorado (cedar, darker expression) 52

1380 Garfield Estate / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (dry, dusty, spicy) 44

1357 Ruby Trust "The Smuggler" / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (fruity, rounded, flashy) 56

1315 Domaine Filliatreau "Chateau Fouquet" / 2009 / Samur, France (lighter, earthy) 42

GAMAY

Tannin: low || Body: light || Pairings: grilled chicken, white meat, salads
Tasting notes: strawberries, cherries, raspberries, spice

1251 Jean-Paul Brun "Terres Dorees" / 2010 / Beaujolais, France (spice driven) 37

LEMBERGER

Tannin: medium || Body: light || Pairings: roasted meats, pastas
Tasting notes: plums, blackberries, black pepper, spice

1245 Carlson Vineyards "Tyrannosaurus-Red" / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (bold fruit, deep) 38

PINOT NOIR

Tannin: low || Body: light || Pairings: chicken, grilled fish
Tasting notes: strawberries, cherries, raspberries, white pepper

1236 Sokol Blosser / 2008 / Dundee Hills, Oregon (dark cherry, dense, flinty) 65

1231 Sass / 2009 / Willamette Valley, Oregon (red cherry, pepper, lighter) 48

1227 Willakenzie "Pierre Leon" / 2008 / Willamette Valley, Oregon (bigger style) 90

1242 Wyatt / 2009 / California (tart, juicy, versatile with food) 52

1233 Domaine Bachey-Legros "Vielles Vignes" / 2007 / Burgundy, France (light cherry) 50

1201 Domaine Parigot "Les Vignots" / 2009 / Pommard, Burgundy, France (balanced fruit/earth) 88

1213 Georges Noellat "1er Cru- Les Chaumes" / 2006 / Vosne-Romanee, France (complex) 95

1249 Steele / 2008 / Carneros, California (flinty, dark cherries, lush) 52

RICH & FRUITY + REDS

MERLOT

Tannin: low to medium || Body: medium to full || Pairings: chicken, lamb, pork
Tasting notes: silk, strawberries, chocolate, raspberries, plums

1360	<i>Sutcliffe / 2009 / Mesa County, Colorado (layered, nuanced flavors)</i>	52
1332	<i>Bookcliff Vineyards "Friday's Folly" blend Grand, Valley Colorado (light, fruity)</i>	32
1335	<i>Bromios / 2008 / Grand Valley, Colorado (richer merlot/cab blend)</i>	39
1313	<i>Plum Creek "Palisade Red" / 2008 / Grand Valley/West Elks, Colorado (balanced)</i>	36
1355	<i>Grégoire et Bénédicte Hubau / 2008 / Canon Fronsac, France (earthy, nuanced)</i>	60

PETITE VERDOT

Tannin: medium to high || Body: full || Pairings: steak, grilled meats
Tasting notes: violets, plums, figs, cedar

1336	<i>Reeder Mesa / 2009 / Grand Valley, Colorado (fruit driven)</i>	42
1230	<i>Canyon Wind / 2008 / Grand Valley, Colorado (spice driven, bold)</i>	66
1382	<i>Grande River / 2008 / Grand Valley, Colorado (earth driven)</i>	52

EARTHY + REDS

PINOTAGE

Tannin: medium || Body: full || Pairings: chicken, lamb, pork
Tasting notes: plums, blackberries, spice, tobacco, leather

1302	<i>Ken Forrester / 2009 / South Africa (red fruits, leather, tobacco)</i>	27
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PORTUGUESE BLENDS

Tannin: medium || Body: full || Pairings: lamb, braises, stews
Tasting notes: plums, blackberries, mocha

1330	<i>Luis Soares Duarte "Perfil Tinto" 2007 Norte e Oeste de Portugal (decant, unfiltered)</i>	45
1243	<i>Vale da Clara red blend, Douro, Portugal (approachable, black fruits)</i>	27

SANGIOVESE

Tannin: high || Body: full || Pairings: grilled meats, rich pastas, tomato sauce
Tasting notes: tart cherries, herbs, plums, bittersweet

1430	<i>Cascina di Cornia / 2007 / Chianti Classico, Italy (tart cherry, classic style)</i>	45
1426	<i>Perazzeta "Erio" super-tuscan blend 2009 Toscana, Italy (blended with syrah/merlot)</i>	52
1432	<i>Perazzeta "Sara" / 2009 / Toscana, Italy (modern, flashy, style)</i>	50

SPICE + REDS

CARIGNAN

Tannin: medium || Body: full || Pairings: beef, pork, lamb, stews
Tasting notes: red fruits, meaty, wild herbs, floral

1325 Vall Llach "Embruix" / 2007 / Priotat, Spain (big, dark, chocolate) 56

CARMANÈRE

Tannin: high || Body: medium || Pairings: strong cheeses, big meat dishes, wild game
Tasting notes: black plum, blackberry, cloves, chili pepper

1411 Baron Philippe de Rothschild "Escuido Rojo" / 2008 / Maipo, Chile (jalapeño, bell pepper) 27

GRENACHE BLENDS

Tannin: medium || Body: medium || Pairings: beef, pork, lamb, chicken
Tasting notes: red fruits, strawberries, clove, anise

1331 Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos / 2009 / Borja, Spain (leather, vanilla, plums) 38

1354 Domaine Lucien Barrot et Fils / 2007 / Chateauneuf-du-Pape, France (great vintage) 70

1327 Andre Brunel "Cuvee Sabine" / 2009 / Cotes du Rhone, France (dark, earth, meaty, rounded) 40

1308 M. Chapoutier "Bila-Haut" / 2009 / Cotes Du Roussillon Villages, France (smoke, figs chocolate) 27

MALBEC

Tannin: medium || Body: full || Pairings: beef, pork, lamb, stews
Tasting notes: plums, blackberries, violets, tobacco

1412 Kahil Winery / 2010 / Mesa County, Colorado (soft, great fruit) 58

1408 Bodegas Noemia "A Lisa" / 2009 / Patagonia, Argentina (bold, good spice, organic) 68

1413 Loca Linda / 2010 / Mendoza, Argentina (liter bottle, tart red fruit, great with food) 45

1409 Tikal "La Patriota" malbec/bonarda / 2009 / Mendoza, Argentina (dark bowl of cherries) 50

MONASTRELL

Tannin: medium || Body: medium || Pairings: white meats, duck, veal
Tasting notes: red fruits, strawberries, black pepper

1329 Valera / 2009 / Murcia, Spain (meaty, red fruit, leather) 32

TEMPRANILLO

Tannin: medium || Body: medium || Pairings: beef, pork, lamb, chicken
Tasting notes: red fruits, mushrooms, herbs, vanilla, leather, tobacco

1311 Muga "Reserva" / 2007 / Rioja, Spain (critically acclaimed) 60

1333 Bodegas Palacios Remondo "La Vendimia" / 2010 / Rioja, Spain (approachable, fruity) 40

BIG & BOLD + REDS

AGLIANICO

Tannin: high || Body: full || Pairings: rich pastas, flatbreads, strong cheeses
Tasting notes: blackberries, prunes, chocolate, coffee

1306 Feudi di San Gregorio "Rubarto" / 2007 / Campania (decant, cedar notes) 50

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tannin: high || Body: full || Pairings: roasts, lamb, game, steaks
Tasting notes: blackcurrant, cassis, black cherry, vanilla, cedar, leather

1364 Whitewater Hill 2007 Grand Valley, Colorado (balanced fruit & earth) 36
1383 Colterris 2009 Grand Valley, Colorado (big style, bold flavors) 52
1353 Mesa Park 2006 Grand Valley, Colorado (wonderful earth tones) 40
1361 Sutcliffe "Down Canyon" red blend, 2008 McElmo Canyon, Colorado (intense fruit & texture) 68
1356 Verso Cellars 2005 Grand Valley, Colorado (approachable, modern) 45
1384 Grande River 2004 Grand Valley, Colorado (bordeuax blend- earthy) 30
1415 Ruby Trust "Bandits Pass cabernet blend 2009 Mesa County, Colorado (soft & rounded) 56
1365 Humanitus 2009 Sonoma Valley, California (great food wine) 36
1368 Benziger "Tribute" Sonoma Mountain, California (light, very nuanced, graceful) 151
1362 NXNW 2008 Columbia Valley, Washington (bold, peppery) 58
1367 Faust 2008 Napa Valley, California (devilish...hehehe) 95
1366 Chappellette "Mountain Cuvee" Napa Valley, California (dark fruit, assertive) 48
1375 Joseph Phelps "Insignia" 2007 Napa Valley (rich, inky, layered) 285

NEBBIOLO

Tannin: full || Body: full || Pairings: game, big pasta dishes, hard cheeses
Tasting notes: tar, roses, smoke, herbs, leather, plums, violets

1438 Roagna "Pajé" / 2004 / Barbaresco, Piemonte (floral, nuanced) 110
1378 Eugenio Bocchino / 2005 / Barolo, Piemonte (big structure, coffee, mocha, floral) 117

NERO D'AVOLA

Tannin: medium || Body: full || Pairings: beef, game, mild spicy
Tasting notes: black fruits, plum, leather, herbs

1434 Purato nero d'avola, Sicilia, Italy (the syrah of sicily) 32

PRIMITIVO

Tannin: medium || Body: full || Pairings: rich pastas, bbq meats, strong cheeses
Tasting notes: meaty, black fruits, plums, blackberries, prunes

1431 Palama "Arcangelo" / 2010 / Salento, Italy (complex flavors of fruit, earth, and gamey) 36
1433 Terre Del Grico "Monstyronium" blend 1997 Salento (intense! raisins, prunes, almonds, earth) 88

BIG & BOLD + REDS

SYRAH

Tannin: high || Body: full || Pairings: BBQ meats, game, mild spicy
Tasting notes: smoke, anise, cloves, leather, coffee, ham, blueberries

1324	Ken Forrester shiraz/grenache / 2006 / South Africa (red fruits, spicy)	39
1316	Barrel 27 "Right Hand Man" / 2007 / Central Coast (huge wine, big fruit)	55
1314	Fess Parker / 2008 / Santa Barbara County (chocolate, spices)	48
1318	Owen Roe "Sinister Hand" / 2010 / Columbia Valley, Oregon (spicy, assertive)	56
1317	Settembre Cellars / 2008 / Colorado (gentle, black fruits, complex)	62

ZINFANDEL

Tannin: high || Body: full || Pairings: BBQ meats, cream based pastas
Tasting notes: cranberry, juicy blackberries, clove, cinnamon, peppers

1407	Sineann "Old Vine" / 2009 / Columbia Valley, Oregon (very rich, dense fruit)	80
1404	Kunin "West Side" / 2008 / Paso Robles (bright fruit, black pepper)	45
1406	Ridge "Geyserville" blend / 2009 / Sonoma County, California (single-site zinfandel blend)	75
1414	Mauritson / 2009 / Dry Creek Valley, California (black fruits)	48