

TYPES OF WHITE WINE

CHARDONNAY

Chardonnay is a medium to heavy bodied wine with fruit flavors of apples and pears. Vanilla and buttery flavors are imparted during the winemaking process. Chardonnay often has a creamy feel in the mouth. Other fruit flavors that may be present are peach, pineapple, floral, and lime.

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Sauvignon Blanc originates from France where it is the prominent grape in the Loire Valley.. Sauvignon Blanc is a light wine that is crisp and acidic. It is usually a dry wine. The aromas and flavors are herbaceous, grassy, hay, citrus, and grapefruit.

VIOGNIER

Viognier is a variety of a white wine grape from the Rhone Valley in France. Viognier has aromas and flavors of floral, peach, apricot, pear, and melon. On occasion some earthiness and spice are displayed.

GEWÜRZTRAMINER

The Gewürztraminer grape is very popular in France (Alsace) and Germany. Gewürztraminer can be made very dry to semi-sweet. Gewürztraminer can also be a late harvest desert wine. The aroma of Gewürztraminer is distinctive. It is a mix of lychee nut, rose petals, peach, and spice.

RIESLING

The classic German grape of the Rhine and Mosel, Riesling grows in all wine districts. Rieslings are usually made slightly sweet, with steely acidity for balance. Riesling wines are much lighter than Chardonnay wines. The aromas generally include fresh apples.

TYPES OF RED WINE

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Cabernets are known for their big and bold structure. Quality Cabernet Sauvignon can age for several years, which soften the tannins. Cabernet Sauvignon can exhibit these aromas and flavors: Blueberries, black current, cassis, tobacco, vanilla, plum. Cabernet Sauvignon is a heavy red wine that pairs well with meals that are also big.

MERLOT

The Merlot is a red wine grape that is abundantly grown in France's Bordeaux, and in particular in the St. Emilion region. Merlot has aromas and flavors of blackberry, plum, current, chocolate and vanilla. Merlot tends to have more herbaceous characteristics than Cabernet Sauvignon.

OTHER TYPES OF WINE

ZINFANDEL

Zinfandel was planted in California during the Gold Rush era. Zinfandel is related to the Primitivo grape found in Italy. Zinfandel typically has the aroma and flavors of berries and black cherry. Much of the flavor and structure of this wine depends on how long the grape is kept on the vine. Lighter Zinfandels will be fruitier; heavier zinfandels will have a deep berry flavor.

BRUT

A general term used to describe dry sparkling white wine or a Champagne style that is very dry, meaning little or no residual sugar. Some commercial Brut styles have a small amount of 'liqueur' added to soften the dryness of the palate.