

Wine is both a pleasure and an interest, Both sensuous and intellectual!

woman's quote:

“men are like fine wine. they all start out like grapes and it's our job to stomp on them and keep them in the dark until they mature into something that you'd like to have with dinner.”

man's counter-quote:

“woman are like fine wine. they start out fresh, fruity and intoxicating to the mind and then turn full bodied with age until they go all sour, taste of vinegar and give you a headache.”

The Techniques of Wine Tasting

Appearance can tell you a lot about wine. tilting the glass away from you until it is almost horizontal will reveal the width and hue of the “rim”. the wine's clarity, brightness, depth of colour and carbon dioxide bubbles are best seen by looking at it from above, with the glass standing on a table.

Hold the glass against the light or a white background to give a general impression of the colour. then take your first sniff-before you swirl the wine.

Hold your glass by the stem or by the foot so that you can see the wine clarity. to get the wine moving, most right-handed people move the glass gently anti-clockwise; left-handers find it easier clockwise. in either case, very little movement is required.

Swirl the wine in the glass, and hold it up to the light. examine the “legs” or “tears”: are they large or small; slow or fast moving? which determines the viscosity, weight, alcohol and sugar in the wine.

Sniff the wine before swirling, using short sniffs and deeper ones, very gentle sniffs and much sharper ones. Concentrate on the smell, and what it reminds you of. repeat the process immediately after you have swirled the wine in the glass. note your thoughts.

Taste the wine by taking a reasonably generous mouthful; “chew” it around your mouth for a few seconds, then purse your lips and suck some air into your mouth to “aerate” the wine. note your conclusions, returning for a repeat sniff if desired.

The sparkling stuff

NV. Brut Yellow, Yellow Glen, (200ml) Australia – 599

NV. Sparkling Shiraz, Naked Range, Australia – 2,400

NV. Sileni Estates, Sparkling Sauvignon Blanc,
New Zealand – 2,500

NV. Piper Heidsieck, Brut, France – 5,999

NV. Piper Heidsieck, Rose Sauvage, France – 6,999

“no government could survive without champagne.
champagne in the throats of our diplomatic people
is like oil in the wheel of an engine.”

Joseph Dargent French vintner 1955

Award Winning Thai Wine

2015, Monsoon Valley, Colombard, Hua-Hin Hills Valley Thailand – 990

2014, Monsoon Valley, Shiraz, Hua-Hin Hills Valley
Thailand – 990

White Wine

2013, Bin 65, Lindemans, Chardonnay, 187 ml, Australia – 380

2015, Anakena Birdman, Sauvignon Blanc, Chile – 1,400

2014, Trebbiano D’Abruzzo DOC, La Piuma, Abruzzo,
Italy – 1,400

2015, Cellar Selection, Sileni Estates, Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough,
New Zealand – 1,800

2010, Pinot Blanc Reserve, Gustave Lorentz, Alsace,
France – 1,800

2012, Miguel Torres, Sauvignon Blanc, Tormenta, Valle Central, Chile
(Organic) – 1,900

2012, Torres, Waltraud Riesling, Penedes, Spain – 2,400

2007, Terra Burdigala Blanc, Cotes de Castillon, Semillon, Sauvignon
Blanc, France – 2,500

2009, Chablis A.O.C. Simonnet Febre, France – 3,900

“when men drink, then they are rich and successful and win lawsuits and are happy
and help their friends.
quickly, bring me a breaker of wine that i may wet my mind and say something
clever.”

“aristophanes”

Red Wine

2013 Bin 50, Shiraz, Lindemans, 187ml, Australia – 380

2015 Anakena Birdman, Merlot, Chile – 1,400

2014, Montepulciano D’Abruzzo DOC, La Piuma,

Abruzzo, Italy – 1,400

2009, Pinot Noir D’Alsace Reserve, Gustave Lorentz, Alsace, France –
1,800

2012, Miguel Torres, Cabernet Sauvignon, Tormenta, Valle Central,
(Organic), Chile – 1,900

2015, Tahuna Pinot Noir, Hawke’s Bay, New Zealand– 2,100

2007, Torres, Atrium Cabernet, Penedes, Spain – 2,400

2007, Moulin a Vent, Crus de Beaujolais, France – 4,200

2012, Bin 28, Penfolds, Kalimna Shiraz, Australia – 4,900

“no poems can please for long or live that are written by water-drinkers. ever since
baccus enrolled poets, as half-crazed,
amongst his satyrs and fauns, the sweet muses have usuallymelt of wine in the
morning.....”

horace epistles

Rose Wines and more..

2012, Miguel Torres, Rose, Tormenta, Valle Central,

Chile (Organic) – 1,900

2012, Moscato, D’Asti, Ruffino, Italy – 2,400

2015, Whispering Angle, Rose, Chateau d’Esclans,

France – 2,700

N.V. Special Reserve Port, Cockburn’s, Portugal – 2,800

good faith, this sane young sober-blooded boy does not love man, nor me; cannot
make him laugh-but that no marvel; he drinks no wine

“falstaff”