



Wine Tasting Suggestions

LOOK	Assess	Additional Questions
<p>Tilt glass at 45-degree angle</p>	<p>Clarity, Color, Intensity Is the wine brilliant, clear or hazy? What color is the wine? Is the color pale or intense? Legs Are they pronounced, indicating a bigger body?</p>	<p>What colors do you see? White Wine Colors green tinge, straw, gold, amber Red Wine Colors purple, ruby red, garnet/brick, amber Intensity pale, dark, inky, opaque Legs persistent or faint</p>
SMELL		
<p>Swirl, then put your nose inside rim of glass and take two to three strong sniffs to smell aromas. Try to keep your mouth open a little as you inhale through your nose.</p>	<p>Aroma Intensity and Identification Are the aromas assertive or subdued; ripe or green; full or light? Are they fruit or vegetable; mineral or woody; herbal or flinty? What are the aromas? White Aromas apple, pear, melon, citrus, honey, tropical fruit, spice, herbal, grassy Red Aromas red berry, plum, dark berry, currants, sour cherry, earthy, smoky White and Red Aromas floral, herbal, mineral, spice Oak Aromas vanilla, spice, smoky, cedar, oak</p>	<p>What other aromas can you detect? Is the aroma pleasant? Does the wine smell a little "off"? Does the wine smell of yeast? Does it smell of alcohol?</p>
SIP		
<p>Take a small amount of wine into your mouth. Then swish it around, making sure it comes into contact with every part of your mouth. How does the wine feel in your mouth? How does it feel on the front of your tongue; on the sides and back? How does the back of your throat feel? Can you feel any heat from the alcohol? Are the flavors the same as the aromas?</p>	<p>Texture Identification Is it crisp, effervescent, dry, buttery, oily? Does it fill your entire mouth? Body Is it light, medium or full; thin, lean, delicate, rich, big, heavy? Flavor Identification What does the wine taste like? Is it dry or sweet, tart? White Wine Flavors: Does it taste like citrus fruit or tropical fruit; apples, pears or melons; berries or cherries? Is the flavor herbal or grassy; spicy or nutty; buttery or vanilla? Red Wine Flavors: Does it taste like light or dark red berries; light or dark cherries; light or dark fruit? Does it taste earthy or woody? Balance and Structure Are the fruit, acidity, tannins and alcohol in balance? Does the wine have a good finish? Is the wine harmonious, integrated, well-knit or disjointed</p>	<p>What other textures can you detect? Is the texture smooth and velvety like cream or is it crisp and clean like white cranberry juice? Does it have a lot of tannin? Taste and Mouth Feel Is it sweet, rich, thick, sweet, rich, thick, savory? Is it bright, crisp, refreshing, racy, steely, tart? Are the tannins silky, smooth, velvety, firm, astringent? What other flavors can you detect? Do you get a mineral taste when you sip? Does it taste like smoke or tobacco or leather?</p>
SUMMARIZE		
<p>Spit (if you have a spit bucket) or swallow wine and record impressions</p> <p>Overall Impression</p>	<p>Finish Do the flavors linger in your mouth or do they stop immediately once you've swallowed (spit)?</p> <p>Quality</p>	<p>Finish short, moderate, long, lingering</p> <p>Quality poor, good, excellent, simple, complex, layered</p>

What stands out or makes the wine distinct, memorable?

Evaluate

What is the wine's quality? Is it ordinary or a little better; or is it exceptional?

Value

Considering its price, how good is the wine?
How would you describe the wine in one sentence?

Preference don't like, like, love
Value good, moderate or overpriced