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WINE LIST

"He who knows how to taste does not drink wine but savors secrets"

Salvador Dali.

Wine Glossary

Organic Wine

At its simplest, organic wines are exactly what they sound like – wines produced with organically-grown grapes, free from herbicides, pesticides, and other artificial chemical agents. To control for weeds and bugs, growers utilise cover crops to attract benign bugs known to repel the nasties or have livestock like sheep graze between the rows to reduce weeds. The idea is that the vineyard becomes a self-regulating ecosystem.

It does not mean that these wines are free from sulphur or other additives, however – many of which are also organic – but they are often present in lesser quantities.

Biodynamic Wine

Not to be confused with organic wine, biodynamic wine is an approach to winemaking that takes inspiration from the work of late 19th-century spiritual thinker Rudolf Steiner. Like organic wines, growers and winemakers refrain from pesticides and chemical fertilisers, and consider the vineyard as an integrated and holistic system.

One key distinction from organic wines however is the use of biodynamic soil 'supplements' and astrologically-informed planting, pruning, and harvesting schedules. From chamomile and yarrow formulations to cow horns loaded with manure, buried and then dug up again according to specific lunar timings, it's a blend of solid scientific thinking and inspired mysticism – with the resulting wines gaining increasing recognition for their quality and varietal expressiveness.

Think of it as a supercharged version of organic farming, which is finding more and more fans and proponents of its distinctive approach.

Preservative-Free Wine

As mentioned above, just because you are buying an organic wine does not mean it will be preservative-free. For that, you will need to seek out a preservative-free wine – often referred to as a wine created through 'minimal intervention'.

The most common preservative used in wine is sulphur dioxide (SO₂). Often, you will see it listed on the label as 'preservative 220', or even 'antioxidant 220'.

It is an entirely natural by-product of winemaking, and not necessarily a bad thing at all. It is typically produced by yeast during the fermentation process – and happens to act as protection against bacteria and other nasties, while helping neutralise the effects of oxygen exposure during the winemaking process. Sulphites are common as preservative agents also – hence the 'may contain sulphites' notice you will see on many bottles. But the better the grapes are handled in the vineyard and the better the quality of the fruit, the less need there is to add any such preservatives. And, despite the common misconception, sulphites are not really to blame for your wine headache – a more likely cause is the phenolics (tannins), the alcohol content, or even the wine's natural acidity.

Vegan Wine

A lot of people may wonder, how is my wine *not* vegan already? It is a fair question, as wine is essentially fermented grape juice where yeasts facilitate the conversion of the fruit's natural sugars into alcohol... isn't it? Well, yes... but that's only part of the typical winemaking process. Where things get *un-vegan* is in the fining process, which is meant to clear up the 'haze' created by the proteins, tannins, and tartrate during the creation of a wine. To speed the settlement of this haze, winemakers generally use fining agents such as isinglass (fish protein), gelatin (animal protein), casein (a milk-derived protein), and egg whites (albumin) to act as coagulants, binding the elements that make up the haze, and making them easier to remove from the final wine.

Happily, for vegans, several wines are appearing today that use alternative fining agents like activated charcoal, or bentonite – a clay-based agent. More and more winemakers are also leaving their wines to 'self-fine' or stabilise without the use of any such protein agents.

That means that if you are a vegan wine lover, you'll find more options out there to satisfy that love than ever.

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Food & Wine Pairing

Consider the weight of the food & wine. A full-flavored dish goes well with a full-bodied wine & vice versa. The following is only a guide & remember, you can never go wrong if you just choose a wine you enjoy drinking by itself.

Champagne & Sparkling Wines

Ideal with salads, carpaccio, salty foods & chilled shellfish, especially oysters & caviar. Seafood in light sauces, pate & fruit-based desserts.

Full Bodied White Wines

Chardonnay, Semillon, Viognier, Albarino

Ideal with spicy Asian cuisine, seafood pasta, risotto, all seafood & shellfish such as prawns & bugs, carpaccio or pork, pate & hard cheeses.

Medium Bodied White Wines

Verdelho, Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (light to medium, Pinot Gris

Ideal with spicy Asian, pasta, risotto, all seafood, chicken & soft cheeses.

Light to Medium Bodied White Wines

Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Arneis, Muscadet, Picpoul de Pinet

Ideal with salads, spicy light Asian, garlic & oil pasta dishes, all seafood especially oysters, antipasto, pork, fetta, goats & gruyere cheeses.

Full Bodied Red Wines

Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Merlot, Cabernet Shiraz, Shiraz, Petit Verdot

Ideal with beef, pork, veal, lamb, duck, meat pasta, red curry & hard cheeses.

Medium Bodied Red Wines

Merlot, Merlot Cabernet

Ideal with beef, lamb, duck, meat pasta, curry & hard cheeses.

Light Bodied Reds

Pinot Noir, Gamay

Ideal with lamb, duck, veal, pork, meat pasta, vegetarian & soft cheeses.

Very Light Bodied Reds

Rose

Ideal with shellfish, chicken, salads & soft cheeses.



Something Special by the Glass

2016	Castagna "Harlequin" (amber)	Beechworth, VIC	25
2019	Mewstone Chardonnay	D'entrecasteaux Channel, TAS	30
2018	La Crema Pinot Noir	Sonoma California, USA	25
2019	Poliziano "Colli Senesi" Chianti D.O.C.G	Tuscany, ITALY	16
2018	Vietti 'Perbacco' Nebbiolo	Piedmont, ITALY	22
2018	Two Hands Bella's Garden Shiraz	Barossa Valley, SA	29
2014	Banfi Brunello Di Montalcino	Tuscany, ITALY	35
2019	Te Mata "Coleraine" Cabernet Merlot	Hawkes Bay, NZ	50
2016	Castagna "La Chiave" Sangiovese 2016	Beechworth, VIC	35

Cellar Selection

2009	Dom Perignon	Epernay, FRANCE	455
2010	Dom Perignon	Epernay, FRANCE	425
2013	Louis Roeder "Cristal" (bio dynamic, vegan)	Reims, FRANCE	445
NV	Krug 'Grand' Cuvee	Reims, FRANCE	450

Krug Grande Cuvée is the archetype of Krug's philosophy of craftsmanship and savoir faire:

a blend of more than 120 wines from ten or more different years.

its exceptional finesse is the result of a stay of at least another six years in the cellars. around twenty years are needed to craft each bottle of Krug Grande Cuvée: the first prestige champagne re-created each year, beyond the very notion of vintage.

2002	Piper Heidsieck Rare Millesime Champagne	Reims, FRANCE	400
2014	Tahbilk 1927 Vines Marsanne	Nagambie, VIC	90
2018	Cape Mentelle Estate Chardonnay	Margaret River, WA	92
2019	Mewstone Chardonnay	D'entrecasteaux Channel, TAS	135
2016	Podere Grattamacco Bolgheri Superiore	Tuscany, ITALY	145
2020	Domaine Simha 'Rama' Pinot Noir	Derwent Valley, TAS	155
2019	Cullen "Diana Madeline" Cab Sauv (bio dynamic)	Margaret River, WA	175
2018	Head Wines 'The Red Head' Shiraz	Barossa Valley, SA	180
2015	Giovanni Rosso Barolo	Piedmont, ITALY	190
2016	Castagna "La Chiave" Sangiovese 2016	Beechworth, VIC	195
2019	Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir (bio dynamic, vegan)	Central Otago, NZ	210
2016	Chateau La Commanderie, Cru Bourgeois "St-Estephe"	Bordeaux, FRANCE	245
2019	Te Mata "Coleraine" Cabernet Merlot	Hawkes Bay, NZ	255
2008	Bellwether "Cabernet"	Coonawarra, SA	275
2017	Bekkers 'Syrah'	Mclaren Vale, SA	290

Wines by the Glass

Champagne / Sparkling

NV	Bella Modella Prosecco D.O.C (vegan)	Veneto, Italy	12
NV	Chandon Blanc de Blanc	Yarra Valley, VIC	15
NV	Taittinger Brut Reserve	Reims, FRANCE	24
NV	Billecart- Salmon Brut reserve	Mareuil-sur-Ay, FRANCE	26

Sauvignon Blanc / Blends

2020	Skipjack	Marlborough, NZ	11
2021	Shaw & Smith	Adelaide Hills, SA	15
2020	Cape Mentelle SBS	Margaret River, WA	13

Pinot Gris / Grigio

2017	Wild Rock Pinot Gris	Marlborough, NZ	11
2019	La Vis Pinot Grigio (organic not certified, vegan)	Trentino, ITALY	13

Riesling

2021	Ministry of the Clouds	Clare Valley, SA	13
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Chardonnay

2019	Printhie	Orange, NSW	11
2019	Voyager Estate "Girt by Sea"	Margaret River, WA	14

Alternate White & Aromatic Varietals

2019	Abellia Albarino	Rias Baixas, SPAIN	11
2019	Chateau de L'oiselinier "Le Pavillion du Roy" Muscadet	Loire Valley, FRANCE	12
2020	Thick As Thieves "Aloof Alpaca" Arneis	Yarra Valley, VIC	14

Wines by the Glass

Rose

2020	Reverie	FRANCE	11
2020	Oyster Bay	Marlborough, NZ	12

Pinot Noir

2018	Underground	Mornington Peninsula, VIC	12
2019	Oyster Bay	Marlborough, NZ	13

Merlot

2018	Pepper Tree	Wrattonbully, SA	10
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Shiraz

2019	Barossa Valley Estate	Barossa Valley, SA	11
2018	Maxwell "Silver Hammer"	McLaren Vale, SA	13

Cabernet

2015	Mount Adam "The Red"	Eden Valley, SA	14
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Alternate Red & Esoteric Varietals

2018	Indigo Vineyards Sangiovese	Beechworth, VIC	11
2020	Vino Volta "Post Modern Seriousism" Grenache	Swan Valley, WA	13
2021	Thick as Thieves "Driftwood" Gamay Pinot	Yarra/ King Valley, VIC	14

Wines by the Bottle

Champagne

NV	Louis Roederer Brut 375ml (bio dynamic, vegan)	Reims, FRANCE	80
NV	Veuve Cliquot Yellow Label	Reims, FRANCE	115
NV	Taittinger Brut Reserve	Reims, FRANCE	125
NV	Billecart- Salmon Brut reserve	Mareuil-sur-Ay, FRANCE	135
NV	Veuve Cliquot Rose	Reims, FRANCE	165
NV	Ruinart Blanc de blanc	Reims, FRANCE	180

Sparkling

NV	Bella Modella Prosecco D.O.C (vegan)	Veneto, Italy	55
NV	Chandon Blanc de Blancs	Yarra Valley, VIC	65
NV	Vinden 'Alicante Bouschet' "SPARKLING RED"	Pokolbin Hunter Valley, NSW	75
2015	Chandon Vintage	Yarra Valley, VIC	78
2021	Hughes & Hughes "Dunkel Spritz" "PET NAT" "Naturally Sparkling"	White Rock, TAS	85

Amber Wines

2021	Latta "What A Melon" Pinot Gris Sangiovese (organic)	Coghills, VIC	75
2021	Edenflo "Lemon Krush" Semillon Chardonnay Viognier	Eden Valley, SA	85
2016	Castagna "Harlequin"	Beechworth, VIC	105

Sauvignon Blanc / Blends

2020	Skipjack	Marlborough, NZ	46
2021	Sidewood	Adelaide Hills, SA	72
2020	Amisfield	Marlborough, NZ	85
2019	Bobar "Fanny Finch"	Yarra Valley, VIC	125
2020	Cape Mentelle Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	Margaret River, WA	62
2020	Pierro LTC Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	Margaret River, WA	75

Wines by the Bottle

Pinot Gris / Grigio

2017	Wild Rock Pinot Gris	Marlborough, NZ	52
2020	Quartz Reef Pinot Gris	Central Otago, NZ	76
2018	Scorpo Estate Pinot Gris	Mornington Peninsula, VIC	85
2019	Haddow & Dineen "Grain of Truth" Pinot Gris	Tamar Valley, TAS	125
2020	Motley Cru Pinot Grigio	King Valley, VIC	49
2019	La Vis Pinot Grigio (organic not certified, vegan)	Trentino, ITALY	60
2020	Alois Lagader Pinot Grigio (vegan)	Trentino Alto Adige. ITALY	75

Riesling

2021	Ministry of the Clouds	Clare Valley, SA	65
2020	Stargazer	Coal Valley, TAS	70
2018	Domaine Schlumberger "Les Prince Abbes"	Alsace, FRANCE	85
2019	Schmölzer & Brown 'Obstgarten'	King Valley, VIC	100

Chardonnay

2018	Fat Bastard	California, USA	45
2019	Printhie	Orange, NSW	47
2020	In Dreams	Yarra Valley, VIC	58
2019	Voyager Estate "Girt by Sea"	Margaret River, WA	65
2018	Eldorado Road	Beechworth, VIC	71
2018	Domaine Jean Davissaut Chablis	Chablis, FRANCE	87
2020	Arfion "Full Moon"	Yarra Valley, VIC	95
2020	Latta "Jurassique"	Coghills Creek, VIC	100
2020	Dilworth & Allain "Tarrington"	Henty, VIC	130
2020	Domaine Simha "Rao"	Derwent Valley, TAS	160
2018	Leeuwin Estate "Art Series" (vegan)	Margaret River, WA	165

Wines by the Bottle

Alternate White & Aromatic Varietals

2020	Chateau De Castelnau Picpoul De Pinet (Aromatic white)	Languedoc, FRANCE	56
2019	Abellia Albarino	Rias Baixas, SPAIN	57
2019	Chateau de L'oiselinier "Le Pavillion du Roy" Muscadet	Loire Valley, FRANCE	60
2019	Loimer 'Lois" Gruner Veltliner (biodynamic not certified, vegan)	Kamptal, AUSTRIA	62
2020	Thick As Thieves "Aloof Alpaca" Arneis	Yarra Valley, VIC	70
2020	Vino Volta "Nothing Wrong with Old School" Chenin Blanc	Swan Valley, WA	75
2020	La Violetta "U Röck Döts" Gewürztraminer Riesling Grauburgunder	Denmark, WA	90
2019	Sutton Grange Estate Viognier	Bendigo, VIC	120

Rose

2020	Reverie	Pays d'Oc FRANCE	45
2020	Oyster Bay	Marlborough, NZ	48
2019	By Ott	Provence, FRANCE	75

Pinot Noir

2018	Underground	Mornington, VIC	48
2019	Oyster Bay	Marlborough, NZ	55
2020	Giant Steps (vegan)	Yarra Valley, VIC	75
2020	Arfion "Willowlake"	Yarra Valley, VIC	90
2018	Bouchard Pere & Fils "La Vignee" Bourgogne	Burgundy, FRANCE	105
2019	Yabby Lake (vegan)	Mornington, VIC	125
2020	Dilworth & Allain "Dougs Vineyard"	Macedon Ranges, VIC	130
2018	La Crema "Sonoma Coast"	Sonoma California, USA	143
2014	Grey Sands	Glengarry, TAS	148
2019	Nanny Goat "Super Nanny"	Central Otago, NZ	155
2020	Mewstone	D'entrecasteaux Channel, TAS	160

Merlot

2018	Pepper Tree	Wrattonbully, SA	47
2018	Irvine "The Estate"	Eden Valley, SA	65

Wines by the Bottle

Shiraz

2019	Curator Wine Co "Hamlets Shiraz"	Barossa Valley, SA	55
2019	Barossa Valley Estate	Barossa Valley, SA	60
2018	Maxwell "Silver Hammer"	McLaren Vale, SA	62
2017	Cape Mentelle	Margaret River, WA	68
2021	Vinden "Headcase"	Hunter Valley, NSW	80
2019	Tar & Roses "The Rose"	Heathcote, VIC	95
2015	Cobaw Ridge	Macedon Ranges, VIC	110
2018	Two Hands "Bella's Garden"	Barossa Valley, SA	115
2017	Charles Melton "Grains of Paradise"	Barossa Valley, SA	160

Cabernet

2018	Penley Estate "Phoenix"	Coonawarra, SA	55
2018	Chateau L'Eglise Bordeaux	Bordeaux, FRANCE	63
2019	Two Hands "Sexy Beast"	McLaren Vale, SA	72
2017	Te Mata "Awatea" Cabernet Merlot (vegan)	Hawkes Bay, NZ	85
2020	Leko "Deanery Vineyard" Cabernet Franc	Adelaide Hills, SA	92
2016	Zema Estate Cabernet Sauvignon	Coonawarra, SA	110
2016	Chateau Cotes De Blaignan, Cru Bourgeois "Medoc"	Bordeaux, FRANCE	120
2019	Bobar "Cabaret" Cabernet Petit Verdot	Yarra Valley, VIC	125
2016	Leeuwin Estate "Art Series"	Margaret River, WA	135
2018	Charles Melton "The Kirche" Shiraz Cabernet	Barossa Valley, SA	145

Alternate Red & Esoteric Varietals

2018	Indigo Vineyards Sangiovese	Beechworth, VIC	55
2020	Vino Volta "Post Modern Seriousism" Grenache	Swan Valley, WA	70
2019	Poliziano "Colli Senesi" Chianti D.O.C. G	Tuscany, ITALY	72
2021	Thick As Thieves "Driftwood" Gamay Pinot	Yarra/ King Valley, VIC	74
NV	Payson 'Coup de Coeur' "BEST SERVED CHILLED"!	Derwent Valley, TAS	75
2020	Edenflo "Fresh Prince" Cab Sav Grenache Pinot Noir	Eden Valley, SA	80
2019	Hughes & Hughes 'Dornfelder'	White Rock, TAS	82
2020	La Violetta "Yé-Yé Rouge" Pinot Nero Syrah Pinot Meunier	Denmark, WA	85
2020	Minim 'Colbinabbin' Nero d'Avola	Heathcote, VIC	86
2017	Cape Mentelle Zinfandel	Margaret River, WA	89
2021	Latta "Presence" Grenache (organic)	Shays Flat, VIC	92
2018	Vietti Perbacco Nebbiolo (vegan)	Piedmont, ITALY	95
2014	Delas Freres Chateauneuf du Pape	Rhone Valley, France	135
2020	Domaine Simha 'Sanskrit' Gamay	Huon Valley, TAS	137