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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 & Pet Nats

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, Pinot Gris

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

Light to Medium Bodied White Wines

Riesling, Verdicchio, Pinot Grigio, Arneis, Muscadet, Picpoul de Pinet, Vermentino

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, Dornfelder, Cinsault

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

Light Bodied Reds

Pinot Noir, Gamay, Trousseau

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

2021	La Crema Pinot Noir	Sonoma California, USA	25
2019	Rocca di Castagnoli 'Classico' Chianti D.O.C.G.	Tuscany, ITALY	25
2021	Cascina Chicco 'Langhe' Nebbiolo	Piedmont, Italy	25
2020	Two Hands Bella's Garden Shiraz	Barossa Valley, SA	29
2019	Castagna 'La Chiave' Sangiovese (biodynamic)	Beechworth, VIC	35
2019	Te Mata 'Coleraine' Cabernet Merlot	Hawkes Bay, NZ	50

Cellar Selection

2013	Dom Perignon	Epernay, FRANCE	455
2002	Piper Heidsieck Rare Millesime Champagne	Reims, FRANCE	400
2014	Louis Roeder 'Cristal' (bio dynamic, vegan)	Reims, FRANCE	525
NV	Krug 'Grande 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.

2016	Crittenden Estate 'Cri De Coeur' Savagnin	Mornington Penninsula, VIC	140
2020	Domaine Simha 'Rama' Pinot Noir (biodynamic)	Derwent Valley, TAS	150
2018	Tenuta Di Fessini 'Laeneo' Nerello Cappuccio	Sicily, ITALY	160
2019	Castagna 'La Chiave' Sangiovese (biodynamic)	Beechworth, VIC	175
2021	Luminosa by Stella Bella "Single Vineyard" Chardonnay	Margaret River, WA	192
2020	Cullen "Diana Madeline" Cab Sauv (biodynamic)	Margaret River, WA	208
2016	Chateau La Commanderie, Cru Bourgeois 'St-Estephe' (vegan)	Bordeaux, FRANCE	245
2020	Aphelion 'Rapture' Grenache	McLaren Vale, SA	250
2019	Te Mata 'Coleraine' Cabernet Merlot	Hawkes Bay, NZ	255
2008	Bellwether 'Cabernet'	Coonawarra, SA	275
2005	Henschke 'Tappa Pass'	Barossa Valley, SA	325
2018	Yarra Yering Dry Red Wine 'No. 1' Cabernet Blend	Yarra Valley, VIC	325
2003	Charles Melton Shiraz	Barossa Valley, SA	350
2018	Henschke 'Hill of Grace' Shiraz	Eden Valley, SA	990

Wines by the Glass (150ml)

House Wines

2021	Devils Creek Pinot Grigio	Alpine Valley, VIC	11
2021	Rockcliffe 'Peaceful Bay' Shiraz	Denmark, WA	11

Champagne / Sparkling

NV	Bandini Prosecco	Veneto, Italy	13
NV	Small Victories Brut	Adelaide Hills, SA	15
NV	Taittinger Cuvee Prestige	Reims, FRANCE	20
NV	Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve	Mareuil-sur-Ay, FRANCE	26

Sauvignon Blanc / Blends

2022	Babich Black Label	Marlborough, NZ	12
2023	Sidewood (95 points)	Adelaide Hills, SA	14
2023	Fraser Gallop Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	Margaret River, WA	14

Pinot Gris / Grigio

2023	Ant Moore A+ Pinot Gris	Marlborough, NZ	14
2022	Canal Grando Pinot Grigio (organic not certified, vegan)	Veneto, ITALY	15

Riesling

2022	Ministry of Clouds (organic, vegan)	Clare Valley, SA	16
2019	Frogmore Creek 'FGR' (sweet style)	Coal River Valley, TAS	15

Chardonnay

2021	Fat Bastard	California, USA	12
2022	Otro Vino by Stella Bella	Margaret River, WA	15

Alternate White & Aromatic Varietals

2022	Elodie Muscat Blanc Moelleux (sweet style)	Provence, FRANCE	13
2022	Aphelion 'Pir' Chenin Blanc	McLaren Vale, SA	18
2023	Thick as Thieves 'Aloof Alpaca' Arneis	Yarra Valley, VIC	16
2019	I Love Monsters 'La Vergine' Verdicchio (skin contact)	Le Marche, ITALY	25

Wines by the Glass (150ml)

Rose

2022 Domaine De Canterrelle 'Riviera Bistro' (Shiraz, Syrah, Grenache) Provence, FRANCE 13

Pinot Noir

2021 Underground Mornington Peninsula, VIC 15

Merlot

2020 Pepper Tree Wrattontully, SA 12

Shiraz

2021 Curator Wine Co 'Hamlets' Shiraz Barossa Valley, SA 13

Cabernet

2021 Penley Estate 'Phoenix' Coonawarra, SA 14

Alternate Red & Esoteric Varietals

2022 Indigo Sangiovese Beechworth, VIC 14

2019 Tait 'The Wild Ride' GSM Barossa Valley, SA 14

2022 Woodstock 'Free Borough' Grenache McLaren Vale, SA 16

Wines by the Bottle

House Wines

2021	Devils Creek Pinot Grigio	Alpine Valley, VIC	45
2021	Rockcliffe 'Peaceful Bay' Shiraz	Denmark, WA	45

Champagne

NV	Louis Roederer Brut 'Collection 244' 375ml (bio dynamic, vegan)	Reims, FRANCE	80
NV	Taittinger Cuvee Prestige	Reims, FRANCE	115
NV	Billecart-Salmon Brut Reserve	Mareuil-sur-Ay, FRANCE	135
NV	Champagne Palmer & Co	Reims, FRANCE	145
NV	Veuve Cliquot Rose	Reims, FRANCE	165
NV	Billecart-Salmon Brut Blanc de Blancs 'Grand Cru'	Mareuil-sur-Ay, FRANCE	240

Sparkling

NV	Bandini Prosecco	Veneto, Italy	62
NV	Small Victories Brut	Adelaide Hills, SA	70
2022	Hughes & Hughes 'Dunkel Spritz' "PET NAT" "Naturally Sparkling"	White Rock, TAS	85

Amber Wines

2022	Edenflo 'Lemon Krush' Semillon Chardonnay Viognier (vegan)	Eden Valley, SA	85
2022	Dilworth & Allain 'Moonambel' Blanc	Clare Valley, SA	95
2019	I Love Monsters 'La Vergine' Verdicchio	Le Marche, ITALY	135

Sauvignon Blanc / Blends

2022	Babich Black Label	Marlborough, NZ	55
2023	Sidewood (95 points)	Adelaide Hills, SA	65
2011	Dog Point 'Section 94' (French oak barrel aged)	Marlborough, NZ	113
2023	Fraser Gallop Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	Margaret River, WA	62
2022	Piero LTC Sauvignon Blanc Semillon	Margaret River, WA	78

Wines by the Bottle

Pinot Gris / Grigio

2023	Ant Moore A+ Pinot Gris	Marlborough, NZ	68
2023	Hughes & Hughes Pinot Gris by 'Mewstone Wines' (vegan)	Coal River Valley, TAS	82
2019	Haddow & Dineen 'Grain of Truth' Pinot Gris	Tamar Valley, TAS	125
2023	Motley Cru Pinot Grigio	King Valley, VIC	49
2022	Canal Grando Pinot Grigio (organic not certified, vegan)	Veneto, ITALY	65

Riesling

2022	Ministry of the Clouds (organic, vegan)	Clare Valley, SA	75
2019	Frogmore Creek 'FGR' (sweet style)	Coal River Valley, TAS	70
2021	Domaine Sophie Claire 'by Charles Melton'	Adelaide Hills, SA	88
2020	Domaine Schlumberger 'Les Prince Abbes'	Alsace, FRANCE	98
2022	Schmölzer & Brown 'Obstgarten T'	King Valley, VIC	100

Chardonnay

2021	Fat Bastard	California, USA	52
2022	Otro Vino by Stella Bella	Margaret River, WA	68
2021	Mac Forbes	Yarra Valley, VIC	65
2022	Giant Steps	Yarra Valley, VIC	95
2020	Mappinga 'By Sidewood'	Adelaide Hills, SA	105
2022	Shaw + Smith M3	Adelaide Hills, SA	110
2021	Louis Jadot Chablis	Burgundy, FRANCE	125
2020	Dilworth & Allain 'Tarrington'	Henty, VIC	130
2021	Three Wishes Vineyard by 'Two Tonne'	Tamar Valley, TAS	142
2019	Leeuwin Estate 'Art Series' (vegan)	Margaret River, WA	195

Alternate White & Aromatic Varietals

2021	Chateau De Castelnau Picpoul De Pinet (Aromatic white)	Languedoc, FRANCE	56
2022	Elodie Muscat Blanc Moelleux (sweet style)	Provence, FRANCE	60
2022	Mountadam Gewurtztraminer	Eden Valley, SA	65
2023	Thick as Thieves 'Aloof Alpaca' Arneis	Yarra Valley, VIC	74
2022	Aphelion 'Pir' Chenin Blanc	McLaren Vale, SA	80
2020	La Violetta 'U Röck Döts' Gewürztraminer Riesling Grauburgunder	Denmark, WA	90
2019	Sutton Grange Estate Viognier	Bendigo, VIC	120

Wines by the Bottle

Rose

2022	Domaine De Cantarelle 'Riviera Bistro' (Shiraz, Syrah, Grenache)	Provence, FRANCE	65
2022	By Ott (Grenache, Cinsault)	Provence, FRANCE	105
2021	Cobaw Ridge "Il Pinko" (Syrah)	Macedon Ranges, VIC	110

Pinot Noir

2021	Underground	Mornington Penninsula, VIC	68
2022	Sidewood	Adelaide Hills, SA	80
2021	Auntsfield Estate Block 88	Marlborough, NZ	85
2021	Bouchard Pere & Fils 'La Vignee' Bourgogne	Burgundy, FRANCE	90
2022	Fleet 'Leongatha'	South Gipsland, VIC	98
2020	Crittenden Estate 'Kangerong' (vegan)	Mornington Penninsula, VIC	115
2021	Marco Lubiana "Lucille & Buscello Vineyard"	Huon Valley, TAS	135
2021	La Crema 'Sonoma Coast'	Sonoma California, USA	143
2020	Mewstone (vegan)	D'entrecasteaux Channel, TAS	160
2021	Dilworth & Allain "Ray-Monde Vinyard"	Sunbury, VIC	165

Merlot

2020	Pepper Tree	Wrattonbully, SA	58
2020	Irvine "The Estate"	Eden Valley, SA	110

Shiraz / Syrah

2021	Curator Wine Co 'Hamlets'	Barossa Valley, SA	58
2019	Payten & Jones 'Major Kong' Syrah	Yarra Valley, VIC	72
2021	Singlefile	Frankland River, WA	78
2022	Zarella 'Work Horse'	McLaren Vale, SA	82
2020	Eastern Peake "Walsh Block" Syrah (vegan)	Macedon Ranges, VIC	110
2020	Heathcote Estate	Heathcote, VIC	121
2020	Two Hands 'Bella's Garden'	Barossa Valley, SA	145
2018	Charles Melton 'Grains of Paradise'	Barossa Valley, SA	150
2016	E & E Black Pepper 'limited release'	Barossa Valley, SA	245
2018	Henschke 'Mount Edelstone'	Eden Valley, SA	325

Wines by the Bottle

Cabernet

2021	Penley Estate 'Phoenix'	Coonawarra, SA	60
2019	Chateau L'Eglise Bordeaux	Bordeaux, FRANCE	63
2022	Two Hands 'Sexy Beast'	McLaren Vale, SA	72
2019	Te Mata 'Awatea' Cabernet Merlot (vegan)	Hawkes Bay, NZ	95
2022	Latta 'Benevolent' Cabernet Franc	Harcourt, VIC	107
2018	Pepper Tree 'Block 21A'	Wrattonbully, SA	115
2017	Charles Melton Cabernet	Barossa Valley, SA	130
2019	Kendall Jackson "Grand Reserve"	Sonoma County, USA	140
2018	Leeuwin Estate 'Art Series'	Margaret River, WA	155
2016	Chateau Cotes De Blaignan, Cru Bourgeois 'Medoc'	Bordeaux, FRANCE	185

Alternate Red & Esoteric Varietals

2019	Tait 'The Wild Ride' GSM	Barossa Valley, SA	65
2022	Hughes & Hughes 'Dornfelder' (vegan)	White Rock, TAS	68
2022	Indigo Sangiovese	Beechworth, VIC	72
2022	Woodstock 'Free Borough' Grenache	McLaren Vale, SA	78
2021	Minim 'Colbinabbin' Nero d'Avola (vegan)	Heathcote, VIC	86
2019	Rocca di Castagnoli 'Classico' Chianti D.O.C.G.	Tuscany, ITALY	105
2021	Cascina Chicco 'Langhe' Nebbiolo	Piedmont, Italy	110
2019	Fumey Chatelain 'Arbois' Ploussard	Jura, FRANCE	125
2020	Domaine Simha 'Sanskrit' Gamay (biodynamic)	Huon Valley, TAS	137
2019	Cobaw Ridge Lagrein	Macedon Ranges, VIC	148

Chilled Reds

2021	Tscharke 'A Thing of Beauty' grenache (organic)	Barossa Valley, SA	65
NV	Payson 'Coup de Coeur'	Derwent Valley, TAS	75
2022	Dilworth & Allain 'Babylon' Pinot + Grenache	Macedon Ranges, VIC	85
2022	Koerner 'La Korse' sangiovese, grenache	Clare Valley, SA	115