



# Red Wine Taste Testing Guide

Bolder ↑  
Dry

**CHIANTI** - A medium-bodied wine with notable earthy and rustic aromas. It's notably flavored with cherry, strawberry, dried herbs, balsamic vinegar, and smoke.

**SANGIOVESE** - This red is more on the earthy side in flavor with high acidity and medium tannins.

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON** - The king of red wines with bold flavors, high acidity and savory, a favorite.

**PINOT NOIR** - One of the lightest and most delicate of the reds with high acidity and strong aromas. Perfect for beginners.

**SYRAH/SHIRAZ** - These types of wines traditional can be peppery, spicy and bold with flavors of rich fruits like blackberry, a versatile red.

**MALBEC** - Best of both worlds, not too strong or intense, perfect as a light and flavorful red, a definite crowd pleaser.

**MERLOT** - A sweeter and refined quality red that offers some of the smoothest textures and less intense flavors.

Lighter ↓  
Sweeter

**CABERNET FRANC** - A tannic and earthy Bordeaux with pure notes of violets and blueberries, along with fresh roasted coffee aroma.

**GARNACHA/GRENACHE** - A red that can be distinguished by its fruity flavor, it has a low acidity and subtle aromas of oranges and grapefruit.

**ZINFANDEL** - Increasing in popularity, this wine delivers a fruity flavor that is often characterized by cherry or strawberry flavors.

**MADEIRA** - This wine is composed of different styles that range from dry to sweet in a complicated process making it a delicious mix of Pinot Noir and Grenache.

**LAMBRUSCO** - These delightful wines can range from dry to sweet, often taste slightly fizzy, and have sweet aromas of orange, cherries, violets and watermelon.

**PORT** - A high quality fortified red brandy mixed with a spirit and made from over eighty grape varieties, often called a dessert wine.





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