

2012 WINE LIST

“There’s one thing that I don’t get,” said a friend of mine many years ago. “Wine tastes like cherries, pears, apples, even pomegranates. How come it almost never tastes like grapes?”

It was a question that I have not forgotten. It’s ironic that wine, which by nature ought to taste like grapes, usually doesn’t. Instead, it can taste like all sorts of unexpected things from leather boots to pineapple. In part, the reason lies in the mind-bending complex process of fermentation, when all kinds of chemical transformations take place. Many compounds we know exist in other contexts are created. Diacetyl, for example, the compound that makes butter taste buttery, can be created.

And if it is, then the wine literally tastes buttery.

Wine, in fact, seems to have no vocabulary of its own; we use the language of food, nature, and even fabrics. A wine can be raspberry-like, earthy or silky ~ (as in the case of many Pinot Noirs) all three.

That said, I have put together a list of just a few words and brief descriptions.

Hopefully, this will help you in your quest for tasting new wines.

~JACK KAHILL~

BODY

Wines are described as full or light bodies, depending on how they are on your tongue. Imagine, for example, the relative weights of skim milk, whole milk and half & half. Light bodied, medium bodied and full bodied wine correspond. But don’t mistake body for flavor intensity.

A light bodied wine can still be extremely intense in flavor, the way a sorbet is.

TANNIN

A compound found in grape skins, a tannin gives wine a firm structure. It also serves as a preservative helping a good wine to age gracefully and, in the right proportion, helps with balance.

Is primarily responsible for the “bitter” taste in some wines.

LEGS

Term used when referring to the liquid rivulets that form on the glass when swirling the wine to evaluate the alcohol concentration present. Usually the higher the alcohol content, the more impressive the rivulets appear because of reduced surface tension. Many wines have multiple layers of flavors and aromas, each sip reveals something you didn’t notice before.

Complex wines are far more fascinating than their simple wine counterparts .

TOAST

Many wines that have been fermented and/or aged in new oak barrels take on a toasty character not unlike buttered toast. The reason: during the barrel making process, the oak staves are toasted over fire to make them more malleable. While many wine drinkers like the toastiness (especially in Chardonnay), wines that taste exclusively of toast are poorly made. Long wines have flavors that linger in your mouth even after you swallowed (these end-run flavors are called the wine’s finish). A long finish is one of the hallmarks of a great wine.

BREATHE/BREATHING

When wine is poured into another container, such as a wine glass, the admixture of the air seems to release pent-up aromas, which then become more pronounced, in many cases, as minutes even hours pass.

Wine by the Glass**Reds****Cabernet Sauvignon****California**

Leese Fitch

Liberty School

75 Beckstoffer

Merlot**California**

Leese-Fitch

Kunde Estate

St. Francis

Pinot Noir**California**

Castle Rock Mendocino County

Bear Boat Russian River

Zinfandel**California**

Marietta Cellars Old Vine

Shiraz**Australia**

St. Hallet Faith Shiraz

Intriguing Reds**California**

Stags Leap Hands of Time

Argentina

Los Cardos Malbec

GLASS

7

8

10.25

6

6.25

10.75

7

11

7.75

8.50

7.75

14.50

6.50

Whites**Chardonnay****California**

Clos du Val

Chateau Souverain

Australia

Lindemans Bin 65

Pinot Grigio**Italy**

Riff Pinot Grigio

Sauvignon Blanc**New Zealand**

Kim Crawford

Riesling**Germany**

Rudi Wiest Mosel River

Von Buhl Jazz

9.25

8.25

5.75

6.75

9

6.50

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WHITES

AMERICAN	BOTTLE	VINTAGE
Oregon		
Elk Cove Pinot Gris, Willamette Valley	38	2009
Foris Muscat Frissante, Rogue Valley	35	2011
Idaho		
Ste. Chappelle Dry Riesling, Snake River Valley	22	2008
Washington		
Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling, Columbia Valley	24	2010
Pacific Rim Gewürtztraminer, Columbia Valley	33	2009
L'Ecole Semillon, Columbia Valley	30	2010
Columbia Crest H3 Chardonnay, Columbia Valley	35	2008
California		
Other Varietals		
Darcie Kent Grüner Veltliner, "Rava Blackjack Vineyard", Monterey	24	2009
Loredona Riesling, Monterey	25	2009
Sauvignon Blanc		
Four Bears by Sean Minor, Sonoma	29	2010
David Arthur, Yountville, Napa	52	2009
Hall, Napa	53	2007
Chardonnay		
Buehler, Russian River	26	2009
Four Bears by Sean Minor, Central Coast	28	2010
Clos Du Val, Napa	44	2008
Wild Horse, Central Coast	36	2008
Chamisal "Stainless", Central Coast	38	2008
Martin Ray, Russian River	40	2010
Chateau Souverain, Sonoma	41	2009
Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara	44	2009
Rombauer, Carneros	65	2009
Caymus Mer Soleil Silver (Unoaked), St Lucia Highlands	65	2007
Far Niente, Napa	76	2009
Cakebread, Napa	77	2010
Newton "Unfiltered", Napa	81	2006
ZD Reserve, Napa	85	2006
Chappellet, Napa	90	2009
Pahlmeyer, Napa	120	2009
ITALY		
Riff Pinot Grigio, Terra Alpina	29	2010
Kris Pinot Grigio, Della Venezie	29	2009
Bricco Riella DOCG Moscoto d' Asti, Piedmont	30	2010
Marchetti Verdicchio, Marche	35	2010
AUSTRALIA		
Lindemans Bin 65 Chardonnay, South East	22	2010
Jim Barry "Lodge Hill" Dry Riesling, Clare Valley	35	2009
Peteluma Chardonnay, Picadilly Valley	67	2005
CHILE		
Veramonte Sauvignon Blanc, Casablanca	25	2010

WHITES

FRANCE	BOTTLE	VINTAGE
Burgundy		
Bouchard, Mâcon-Villages	30	2008
Dominique Cornin "Les Serreudieres", Macon-Chanes	55	2009
Roland Lavantureaux, Chablis	45	2009
Dominique Cornin, Pouilly Fuissé	65	2008
Domaine Robert Denogent "La Croix", Pouilly Fuisse	85	2008
Louis Jadot, Meursault	85	2008
Joseph Drouhin, Puligny-Montrachet	89	2006
Morey-Coffinet "Les Houillères", Chassagne-Montrachet	105	2009
Loire		
Didier Champalou, Vouvray	44	2010
Pascal Jolivet "Attitude"	47	2008
Domaine Laporte "Domaine du Rochoy," Sancerre	63	2008
Alsace		
Hugel Gentil	28	2007
Kuentz-Bas "Cuvee Tradition" Riesling	40	2009
Hugel Gewürztraminer	48	2009
Bordeaux		
Château Gravelle-Lacoste, Graves	35	2010
Rhone		
La Vieille Ferme Rosé	18	2010
GERMANY		
Rudi Wiest Riesling, Mosel	24	2010
Von Buhl Jazz Riesling, Pfalz	36	2009
Joh.Jos.Prüm Wehlener Sonnenuhr Auslese, Mosel	65	2007
SPAIN		
Martin Codax Albariño, Rias Baixas	26	2009
Spanish Quarter, Barcelona	24	2009
NEW ZEALAND		
New Harbor Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	24	2008
Brancott Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	35	2008
Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough	36	2010
SOUTH AFRICA		
Glen Carlou Chardonnay, Paarl	33	2008
AUSTRIA		
Lois Gruner Veltliner, Kamptal	32	2007
CHAMPAGNE/SPARKLING		
Champagne		
Veuve Clicquot Demi-Sec	79	NV
Duval-Leroy Brut	80	NV
Duval-Leroy Rose	105	NV
Dom Perignon Brut	165	2000
Sparkling		
Roederer Estate, Anderson Valley	50	NV
Schramsberg- Blanc de Noir, North Coast	62	2007
DESSERT WINES		
Château Roumieu-Lacoste, "Cuvee Leon", Sauternes, France (375ml)	55	2005
Niepoort "Late Bottled – Port", Portugal	60	2005
Dr. Loosen Eiswein Riesling, Mosel, Germany (375ml)	100	2007

REDS

AMERICAN REDS

Pinot Noir

California

	BOTTLE	VINTAGE
Castle Rock, Mendocino	26	2009
Estancia, Monterey	32	2009
Chime, Anderson Valley	42	2008
Bearboat, Russian River	42	2007
Laetitia Estate, Arroyo Grande	43	2008
Au Bon Climat, Santa Barbara	48	2009
La Crema, Sonoma Coast	54	2009
Gary Farrell, Russian River	65	2008
David Bruce, Sonoma Coast	76	2007
Chamisal Estate, Edna Valley	82	2008
Calera "Mills Vineyard", Mt. Harlan	110	2001
Pahlmeyer "Jayson", Sonoma Coast	125	2008

Oregon

Firesteed	30	2008
Elk Cove, Willamette Valley	60	2008

Zinfandel

California

Gnarly Head Old Vine, Manteca	25	2009
Rosenblum Cuvee	28	XXXIII
Marietta Old Vine, Geyserville	29	Lot#55
C.G Di Arie, Sierra Foothills	33	2008
Rosenblum, Contra Costa	39	2009
Montevina Terra D' oro, Amador County	40	2005
Plungerhead Dry Creek, Dry Creek	43	2008
Ridge "Three Valleys", Sonoma	45	2009
St. Francis Old Vine, Sonoma	48	2008
Orin Swift "Saldo"	68	2009

Merlot

California

Leese Fitch, Sonoma	22	2009
Kunde Estate, Sonoma	25	2006
Heron, Mendocino	30	2005
St. Francis, Sonoma	47	2007
Clos Du Val, Napa	63	2009
Rombauer, Carneros	65	2006
Newton "Unfiltered", Napa	79	2002
Merryvale Reserve, Napa	82	2005
Ehlers, Napa	95	2007
Darioush, Napa	105	2007
Pride, Sonoma/Napa	110	2009
Robert Foley, Napa	115	2009
Twomey, Napa	115	2004
Hourglass "Blueline Vineyard", Napa	155	2009
Pahlmeyer, Napa	170	2006

WASHINGTON

Red Diamond	22	2008
Columbia Crest "H3", Columbia Valley	33	2009
Chateau Ste Michelle "Indian Wells" Columbia Valley	42	2009
Northstar, Columbia Valley	55	2007
L'Ecole 41, Columbia Valley	63	2008

REDS

AMERICAN REDS

Meritage

	BOTTLE	VINTAGE
Sterling, Central Coast	24	2007
Hayman & Hill, Monterey	35	2008
Newton Claret, Napa	45	2008
Orin Swift "The Prisoner", Napa	85	2010
Kenefick Ranch "Pickett Road" Red, Napa	90	2006
Pirouette by Long Shadows, Columbia Valley	95	2006
Peter Michael "L'Esprit des Pavots", Knights Valley, Sonoma	180	2006

Cabernet**California**

Leese-Fitch, Sonoma	23	2009
Avalon	25	2009
Hahn, Central Coast	26	2009
Darcie Kent "Madden Ranch", Livermore	29	2008
Liberty School, Paso Robles	30	2009
J. Lohr 7 Oaks, Paso Robles	31	2009
Francis Coppola Diamond Series,	35	2009
Greg Norman, Paso Robles	37	2009
75 Beckstoffer, St. Helena	39	2010
Martin Ray, Sonoma	43	2007
Justin, Paso Robles	47	2008
Caravan by Darioush, Napa	59	2009
Stag's Leap "Artemis", Napa	75	2007
Groth, Oakville, Napa	76	2008
Jordan, Alexander Valley	79	2007
Robert Craig, Mt. Veeder, Napa	80	2008
Duckhorn, Napa	82	2009
Chimney Rock, Stag's Leap, Napa	84	2007
Silver Oak, Alexander Valley	85	2006
Caymus, Napa	86	2009
Stag's Leap "Fay", Napa	105	2006
Viader, Howell Mountain, Napa	105	2005
Silver Oak, Napa	115	2006
Pride, Napa	135	2009
Rubicon, Rutherford, Napa	140	2006
Far Niente, Napa	140	2008
Caymus "Special Selection", Napa	156	2008
Lewis Reserve, Napa	225	2007
Hourglass "Blueline Vineyard", Napa	245	2009
Staglin, Rutherford, Napa	360	2008

WASHINGTON

Boomtown, Walla Walla	34	2009
Kiona, Walla Walla	50	2004
L'Ecole, Columbia Valley	70	2008
Feather by Long Shadows, Columbia Valley	95	2007

KAHILL'S

REDS

AMERICAN REDS**Other Red Varietals and Blends**

	BOTTLE	VINTAGE
Renwood Syrah, Sierra Foothills, CA	21	2005
Cline Syrah, Sonoma, CA	26	2009
Concannon Petite Sirah, Central Coast, CA	29	2007
Brassfield "Eruption", High Valley, CA	32	2005
Conn Creek "Anthology", Napa, CA	55	2006
Stag's Leap "Hands of Time", Napa, CA	58	2008
Amavi "Walla Walla Vineyards"	63	2008
Beaulieu Vineyard "Tapestry", Napa, CA	65	2008
Franciscan "Magnificat", Napa, CA	72	2007
Rodney Strong "Symmetry", Alexander Valley, CA	95	2005
Sequel by Long Shadows Syrah, Columbia Valley, WA	105	2007
Alpha Omega, Napa, CA	110	2005
Pahlmeyer Red, Napa, CA	120	2006
Erna Schein "Blender Boy", Napa, CA	135	2008
Opus One, Napa, CA	195	2003
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Opus One, Napa, CA	195	2005

ITALY

Donna Laura Bramosia DOCG, Chianti	32	2007
Ruffino Il Ducale, Tuscany	42	2006
Argentiera Poggio ai Ginepri, Bolgheri, Tuscany	48	2007
Monsanto, Chianti Classico Reserva, Tuscany	64	2006
Stefano Farina, Barolo, Piedmont	90	2005
Casanova di Neri "White Label", Brunello di Montalcino, Tuscany	98	2006

SPAIN

Marques De Caceres Crianza, Rioja	34	2006
Marques de Riscal, Rioja	42	2004
Tinto Pesquera, Ribera del Duero	84	2008

ARGENTINA

Doña Paula "Los Cardos" Malbec, Mendoza	24	2010
Norton Malbec, Mendoza	25	2010
Gascon Malbec, Mendoza	26	2010
Trapiche "Oak Cask" Malbec, Mendoza	29	2009
Colome Estate Malbec, Salta	55	2009
Cheval de Andes Cabernet Blend, Mendoza	130	2006
Catena Zapata Malbec, Cuyo, Mendoza	185	2007

CHILE

Casillero del Diablo Merlot, Rapel Valley	22	2008
Veramonte Merlot, Casablanca	23	2007
Santa Ema Carmenere, Maipo Valley	27	2008
Los Vascos Cabernet, Colchagua Valley	27	2008
Santa Ema Merlot, Maipo Valley	28	2006
Primus, Colchagua Valley	52	2007

AUSTRALIA

Rosemount Shiraz, South East	22	2009
Angoves Red Belly Black Shiraz, Southern	25	2008
St. Hallet's "Faith" Shiraz, Barossa	32	2007
Peter Lehmann Shiraz, Barossa	45	2008
d' Arenberg "The Custodian" Grenache, McLaren Vale	44	2007
Henschke Keyneton Estate Red Blend, Eden Valley	86	2005
Mollydooker "Velvet Glove" Shiraz, McLaren Vale	355	2009

NEW ZEALAND

Kim Crawford Pinot Noir, Marlborough	37	2009
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REDS

FRANCE

Burgundy

	BOTTLE	VINTAGE
Georges Duboeuf, Beaujolais Villages	31	2009
Regis Bouvier, Marsannay "Clos du Roy"	65	2009
Michel Gay, Chorey-les-Beaune, "Vieilles Vignes"	68	2007
Jean-Paul Thevenet, Morgon, Beaujolais	71	2010
Regis Bouvier, Fixin	75	2009
Joseph Drouhin, Pommard	80	2006
Robert Chevillon, Nuits- St. Georges	115	2008
Domaine Maume 1er Cru, Gevrey-Chambertin	125	2005

Bordeaux

Château Saint Sulpice	35	2006
Château Greysac, Medoc	43	2007
Château d' Arcins, Haut-Medoc	49	2005
Château de Cruzeau Rouge, Pessac-Leognan, Graves	52	2009
Château Grand Duroc Milon, Pauillac	57	2003
Château de Bellevue, Lussac-St. Emilion	60	2009
Moulin d' Angludet, Margaux	65	2006

Rhone

La Vieille Ferme, Cotes du Ventoux	20	2009
P. Jaboulet, "Parallel 45", Cotes du Rhone	29	2009
J. Vidal Fleury, Cote du Rhone	33	2007
Domaine du Joncier, Lirac	40	2009
Gilles Robin Cuvee Papillon, Crozes Hermitage	60	2010
Domaine les Pallieres, "Terrasse du Diable", Gigondas	65	2007
Auguste Clape "Cuvee Renaissance", Cornas	120	2007
Henri Brunier "Vieux Telegraphe", Châteauneuf-du-Pape	130	2008
Louis Barruol, Cote Rotie	140	2008

Southern France

Château Fontanes Traverses de Fontanes,		
Languedoc, Vin de Pays d'Oc	26	2010
Clos La Coutale, Cahors	38	2009
Domaine Tempier, Bandol	92	2008