

DAILY WINE PICKS

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WINE TOOL KIT

do you know your grapes?

Widely “most” used grape Varietals:

There are about 5,000 varieties of grapes, but since each can have two or three names, depending on where the grapes were grown, 24,000 different names exist for known varietals.

Generally, wine is made from 150 different kinds of grapes, but *only nine types are considered classic and used for worldwide wine production.*

White grapes: Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, and Semillon.

Red grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Syrah.

MOST USED GRAPES BY COUNTRY

ARGENTINA

Red Grapes: Criolla (Misión), Malbec, Barbera, Bonarda, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Nebbiolo, Pinot Noir, Sangiovese, Syrah, and Tempranillo.

White Grapes: Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc. Fortified Wines: Palomino, Torrontes, and Pedro Ximénez.

AUSTRIA

Red Grapes: Blauburgunder (Pinot Noir), Portugieser, Blaufrankisch, and Zweigelt.

White Grapes: Gruner Veltliner, Gewurztraminer, Muscat, Rhine Riesling, Muller Thurgau, Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc) Welschriesling, Rotgipfler, Zierflander, and Sylvaner.

AUSTRALIA

Red Grapes: Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot.

White Grapes: Muscat, Chardonnay, Riesling, Sémillon, Trebbiano Sauvignon Blanc, Colombard -
Fortified: Sherry, Palomino, Sultana, and Pedro Ximénez.

BOLIVIA

Red Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Grenache, Alicante, Barbera, Malbec, Pinot Noir, and Grinolina.

White Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Chardonnay and Muscat.

BRAZIL

Hybrids: Concord, Isabella and Niagara.

Red Grapes: Barbera, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot and Nebbiolo.

White Grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Sémillon, Muscat, and Trebbiano.

CANADA

Red Grapes: Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir.

White Grapes: Chardonnay, Gamay, Gewurztraminer and Riesling

Hybrids: Chaunac, Marechal Foch, Seyval Blanc, Vidal Blanc and American Varieties: Catawba, Concord, Elvira, and Niagara.

CHILE

Red Grapes: Pais, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, and Pinot Noir.

White Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Riesling, and Pedro Ximénez.

CHINA

Red Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, French Blue, Muscat Hamburg, Pinot Noir, Syrah, Carignan, and Saperavi.

White Grapes: Chardonnay, Italian Riesling, Ugni Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Gewurztraminer, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, White Riesling, and Rkatsiteli.

FRANCE

Red Grapes: Grenache, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Pinot Noir, Gamay, Syrah, Cinsault, Mouvedre, and Petit Verdot.

White Grapes: Chardonnay, Pinot Blanc, Sémillon, Gewurztraminer, Riesling, Muscat, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Sylvaner, Pinot Gris, Muscadet, and Mauzac.

GERMANY

Red Grapes: Portugieser, Spatburgunder (Pinot Noir), Trollinger (Schiava).

White Grapes: Mullerthurgau, Riesling, Sylvaner, Bachus, Ehrenfelser, Elbing, Gewurztraminer, Chasselas, Huxelrebe, Kerner, Morio Muscat, Optima, Ortega, Rulander (Pinot Gris) Scheurebe and Weissburgunder (Pinot Blanc).

GREECE

Red Grapes: Agiorgitiko, Liatiko, Limnio, Mandilaria, Romeiko Kotsifali, Krasato, Mavrodafni, Xynomavro, Malvasia and Muscat.

White Grapes: Savatianó, Aidani Aspro, Athiri, Asyrtiko, Lagorthi, Mavrodaphne, Moscophillero, Robola (Ribolla), Malagousia, Roditis, and Vilana.

HUNGARY

Red Grapes: Kadarka, Cabernet Sauvignon, Medoc Noir, Pinot Noir.

White Grapes: Olasz, Riesling, Welschriesling, Ezerjo, Furmint, Harslevelu, Keknyelu, Leayka, Gewurztraminer, Szurkebarat, Pinot Gris, Sylvaner, Pinot Gris, Muscat, and Ottonel.

ISRAEL

Red Grapes: Carignan, Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Pinot Noir.

White Grapes: Clairette, Muscat, Sémillon, Chardonnay, Sémillon, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc.

ITALY

Red Grapes: Aglianico, Barbera, Bonarda, Canaiolo, Corvina, Rondinella, Molinara, Nero d'Avola, Dolcetto, Freisa, Grignolino, Lagrein, Lambrusco, Montepuciano, Nebbiolo, Raboso, Refosco, Sangiovese, Schiava and Teroldego, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Pinot Nero (Pinot Noir), and Syrah.

White Grapes: Albana, Chardonnay, Gewurztraminer, Muller-Thurgau, Pinot Bianco, (Pinot Blanc), Pinot Grigio (Pinot Gris), Ribolla, Prosecco, Riesling Italico, Sauvignon Blanc, Trebbiano, Sylvaner, Vernaccia, and Verdicchio.

LEBANON

Red Grapes: Carignan, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Cinsault and Cabernet-Sauvignon.

White Grapes: Ugni-Blanc, Muscat Clairette, Bourboulenc, and Chardonnay.

MEXICO

Red Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Nebbiolo, Tempranillo, Zinfandel, Petite Syrah and Nebbiolo.

White Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay, Fumé Blanc, Palomino, Ugni-Blanc, and Moscatel.

NEW ZEALAND

Red Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, and Merlot.

White Grapes: Muller Thurgau, Chardonnay, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Muscat, Chenin Blanc, and Sémillon.

PORTUGAL

Red Grapes: Alfrocheiro Preto, Alvarelhão, Azal Tinta, Tinta Barraida, (Baga), Bastardo, Brancelho, Borracal, Periquita, Ramisco, Espadeiro, Molar, Negra Mole, (Tinta Negra Mole), Perreira Matias, Tinta Amarela, Tinta Pinheira, Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), Touriga Francesa, Touriga Nacional, Perdal, Vinhao, Espadeiro, Azal Tinto and Trajadura.

White Grapes: Arinto, Assario, Azal, Barcelo, Bical, Boais, Boal, Borrado das Moscas, Branco, Cereceral do Duoro, Encruzado, Esgana Cão, Fernão Pires, Folgoso, Galego Duorado, Loureiro, Maria Gomez, Moscatel (Muscat), Rabo de Ovelha, Roupieiro (Codega), Sercial, Tebbiano and Verdelho. Trajadura, Aveso, and Alvarinho.

PERU

Red Grapes: Malbec, Tannat, Petit Verdot, Barbera, Cariñena, Garnacha, Rubi Cabernet, Alicante, Negra Corriente or Creole, and Quebrantana.

White Grapes: Sauvignon Blanc, Ugni-Blanc, Chenin Blanc, Pinot Blanc, Riesling, and Sémillon.

SOUTH AFRICA

Red Grapes: Cinsault (called Hermitage locally), Cabernet Sauvignon, Pinotage, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Pinot Noir.

White Grapes: Chenin Blanc, (called Steen Locally) Cape Riesling (Grouchen), Clairette Blanche, Colombar, Sémillon, Muscat (Hanepoot), Palomino, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc.

SPAIN

Red Grapes: Azal Tinto, Baga, Borriral, Tempranillo (Cencibel), Garnacha, Mazuelo (Carignan), Graciano or Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Caiño, Garnacha Tintorera, Tinto Aragonés, Souson and Macia Alicante, Sousón, Ferrón, Mencia, Brancellao, Cariñena (Carignan), Espadeiro, Monastrell, Moreto, Pansa Rosado, Pinot Noir, and Malbec.

White Grapes: Airen, Viura (Macabeo) Malvasía, Garnacha Blanc, Viognier, Treixadura, Torrontés, Palomino, Godello, Macabeo, Lourreira, Jerez, Malvar, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Zarello, Pedro Ximénez, Treixadura, Albariño, Torrontes, Jerezana (Palomino), and Godello.

URUGUAY

Red Grapes: Tannat, Follie Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Merlot.

White Grapes: Sémillon, Ugni Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and Muscat.

UNITED STATES

Red Grapes: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Touriga Nacional, and Tinta Roriz.

White Grapes: Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Sémillon, Pinot Gris, Riesling, Concord, Catawba, Viognier, Chenin Blanc, Riesling, Gewurztraminer, Muscat, Elvira, and Niagara.