

# 2012 WINE BUYING CHEAT SHEET

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## RED WINE

<b>CABERNET</b>	<b>MALBEC</b>	<b>MERLOT</b>	<b>SANGIOVESE</b>
<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Argentina, Spain, Central CA, Clear Lake CA, Columbia Valley WA, Paso Robles CA	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Argentina	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Washington, Napa Valley, Lodi CA, North Coast CA, Cotes de Castillon France	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Romania, Umbria Italy, Sicily, Central Italy
<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Hall, Cliff Lede, B.R. Cohn, Justin, Hess	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Pascual Toso, Ranancer Punto Final, Durigutti, Crios	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Neyers, Columbia Crest, Cakebread	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Felsina, Ferrero, Frescobaldi Nipozzano, La Maialina, Banfi
<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Caymus, Dunn, Chateau Phelan Segur, Silver Oak, Groth, Joseph Phelps	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Catena Zapata, Achával Ferrer, Cobos Bramare	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Pride Mountain, Northstar, Shafer, Darioush, Duckhorn, Monbousquet (FR)	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Biondi-Santi, Sassicaia, Il Poggione, Antinori Tignanello, Poggio Antico, Fontodi, Ornellaia
<b>Basic Profile:</b> Cab has black current, plum, pepper, tobacco with bigger tannins and a long finish.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> This wine is glass coating & opaque with notes of plum, blueberry and smoke. Watch for unbalanced high acidity in value wines.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> Merlot is strikingly similar to cabernet, but offers more plum, cherry and upfront fruit flavor with smooth round tannins.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> This bright wine often exhibits cherries and strawberries with super rustic flavors such as tobacco, spice and dry-your-mouth-out tannin.
<b>RED BLENDS</b>	<b>SYRAH   SHIRAZ</b>	<b>ZINFANDEL</b>	<b>PINOT NOIR</b>
<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Central California, Languedoc France, Puglia Italy, Columbia Valley WA, La Mancha Spain, Portugal,	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Paso Robles CA, Central Coast CA, Australia,	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Sierra Foothills CA, Central Coast CA, Lodi CA,	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> New Zealand, Patagonia Argentina, Central Coast CA, Santa Rita Hills CA, Oregon
<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> E. Guigal, Peter Lehmann, Chappellet, BV, St. Francis Winery,	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Qupe, Morgan, Mollydooker, Kukkula, Earthworks, Peter Lehmann	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Peachy Canyon, J Dusi, Seghesio, Sobon, Red & Green Vineyards,	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Siduri, Momo, Rex Hill
<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Vieux Telegraphe, Bouchchristiani,	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Tablas Creek, Elderton, Linne Calodo, McCrea, Sequel, Denner, Gorman	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Biale, Turley, Storybook Mountain, Carol Shelton,	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Dierburg, Foxen, Paul Hobbs
<b>Basic Profile:</b> These wines tend to be both big and smooth by using different varietal's strong points to build a well rounded wine.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> Glass staining with blackberry & spice, richness is up front and finish tends to be smooth. French syrah is savory with olive flavors	<b>Basic Profile:</b> Jammy raspberry fruit with spice. Higher end zinfandels are darker earthier and more layered.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> Lighter pinots taste of cranberry and sour cherry; richer pinot noirs have black cherry notes, black tea, vanilla and cola flavors.

## OTHER WINE

<b>SWEET DESSERT WINE</b>	<b>WHITE WINE</b>		
<b>LIGHT SWEET WINES</b> Royal Tokaji, Vietti Moscato d'Asti, Covey Run Late Harvest Riesling, Nivole Moscato d'Asti	<b>OAKED CHARDONNAY</b>	<b>CHENIN BLANC</b>	<b>PINOT GRIS/GRIGIO</b>
<b>MEDIUM TAWNY WINES</b> RL Bueller and Sons Tawny, Toro Albala PX, Taylor Fladgate Tawny, Yalumba Tawny	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Chile, Columbia Valley WA, Australia, Macon France,	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> South Africa, Central Coast CA, Peru	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Veneto Italy, Oregon,
<b>DARK RICH WINES</b> Smith & Woodhouse, Niepoort Ruby, Grahams Six Grapes, Easton Late Harvest Zinfandel	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> DeLoach, Flora Springs, Talbott, Calera, Cooralook, Domaine Rednaud, Apaltagua	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Man Vintners, Fairview, L'ecole 41	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Riff, Montinore Estate,
<b>Basic Information:</b> Port & Tawny have added brandy at 20% ABV. Late harvest wines do not have added alcohol and range 9-17% ABV.	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Frank Family, Cakebread, Foxen, Shaw & Smith, Olivier Leflaive, Francois Carillon	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Champalou, Francois Chidaine, Domaine Des Baumard, Ken Foerrester	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Caymus, Dunn, Hess, stuff
	<b>Basic Profile:</b> Rich and creamy chardonnay wines when oaked exhibit notes of vanilla, apple and lemon cake.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> Medium weight white with peach and tangerine aromas.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> This wine is bright, clean and zesty. Italian wines are more mineral and zest where Oregon/American pinot gris have pear, melon and flower aromas.
<b>SPARKLING WINE</b>	<b>SAUVIGNON BLANC</b>	<b>RIESLING</b>	
<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Spain, Alsace France, Burgundy France, California, New Mexico	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Touraine France, Washington, Spain (Verdejo), New Zealand	<b>VALUE REGIONS (\$)</b> Rheingau Germany, Washington,	
<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Lucien Albrecht, Domaine Carneros, Gruet, Montsarra, Ferrari, Graham Beck	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Airfield Estates, Brancott, Clos Roche Blanche, Margerum	<b>NOTABLE BRANDS (\$\$)</b> Dr. Hermann, Dragonstone, Loosen Bros., Clean Slate. Chateau St. Michelle	
<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Nicolas Feuillatte, Ruinart, Piper Heidsieck, Egly Ouriet, Vve Fourny et Fils	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> Hall, Delille Cellars, Mayacamus, Cadaretta, Cloudy Bay	<b>CLASSIC PERFORMERS (\$\$\$)</b> J.J. Prum, Trimbach, Pewsey Vale, Efeste, Dr. Heidemanns-Bergweiler, Schloss Vollrads, Poet's Leap,	
<b>Basic Profile:</b> Sparkling wine can range from a sweet-smelling rose to a super bubbly dry Brut Zero. The finer the bubble finesse generally the better.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> grass & green apples. this wine is the closest thing to having bell pepper in your glass.	<b>Basic Profile:</b> typically a hint of sweetness with flavors of apricot, honey, apple, and mouthwatering zest.	

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