

WINE TASTING
IRELAND

THE A-Z OF WINE

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A

Albariño is a white grape variety grown mainly in the Galicia region of northwest Spain. AKA Alvarinho in Portugal.

F

Frizzante is a style of sparkling wine its fizzy or semi sparkling with some bubbles.

K

Kir is a cocktail made with crème de cassis and white wine.

P

Pinotage is a crossing of Pinot Noir & Cinsault, South Africa's signature red grape variety.

U

Ugni Blanc is a white grape used to make dry wine, Cognac & Armagnac. AKA Trebbiano in Italy.

B

Brazil is a unique wine producing country because it harvests at least two wine crops a year.

G

Gewürztraminer is an aromatic white grape traditionally best known in Alsace, France. It has aromas & flavours of lychee, rose petal and Turkish delight & pairs beautifully with Asian or Thai food.

L

Lees are the dead yeast cells and sediment left over after fermentation.

Q

Quarter bottles hold approx. 187 ml of a standard bottle of wine.

V

Veuve Clicquot is a famous Champagne House, founded in 1772. Famous for their 'Yellow Label'

C

Carbonic maceration is a unique red winemaking technique, whole grapes are fermented without yeast in a CO2 rich environment. Beaujolais Nouveau is made this way.

H

Hungary are best known for their very sweet dessert wine Tokaji, made with grapes especially Furmit affected by noble rot.

M

Marsala is a sweet or dry fortified wine, made in Sicily. Often used for cooking!

R

Riedel are a glassware company in Austria famous for designing glasses to enhance different wines.

X

Xmas (Christmas) the perfect time to enjoy wine!

D

Decanting helps aerate wine which enhances its aroma & flavours. It also separates the liquid from any sediment at the end of the bottle.

I

Irrigation has only recently been permitted in certain EU countries, due to global warming.

N

Nebbiolo is a famous grape from Piedmont, Italy, used to make Barolo.

S

Sicily a small island at the toe of Italy, produces more wine than the whole of Australia.

Y

Yeast is used in winemaking to help convert the sugars in grapes to alcohol.

E

English wine is made in southern UK, mainly German grape varieties are grown, they are especially known for sparkling wines.

J

Jancis Robinson is a famous wine journalist & educator. She is one of only 125 female Masters of Wine in the world.

O

Oak is commonly used to store wine, it can also alter the colour, flavour and texture of wine.

T

'Trocken' means 'Dry' on a German wine label.

Z

Zinfandel is a black grape used to make rose (White Zin) or red wine, widely grown in USA. AKA Primitivo in Italy.