

Choosing the Gift of Wine



“ There are no standards of taste in wine. Each man’s own taste is the standard and a majority vote cannot decide for him or in any slightest degree affect the supremacy of his own standard.”

---Mark Twain

How do you choose wine for a friend or a new acquaintance? Here are a few helpful tips.

- If you know the type of food that the wine will be served with remember to pair light wines with lighter foods such as chicken, fish and salads. Red wines often go well with heavier meats such as beef and game.
- If spicy foods are enjoyed by the recipient go for sweeter wines.
- A wine that is unique to the area or symbolic is often a good choice.
- If you are truly guessing about preference avoid purchasing wine that is know to be considered deepest or lightest of it’s category.
- Another option is to purchase two bottles of wine. A red and a white. One bottle for sharing with friends and saving their favorite for later.
- Consider the seasonal aspect. During the cold winter months, a deep red may be just the wine drink while sitting by the fire. The heat of summer often encourages wine to be lighter and cool.

