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Insider Tips for Hosting a Wine Tasting at Home



What should you keep in mind when planning a wine tasting at home? Don't just focus on grape varieties, which can make vastly different wines based on climate and production methods. Instead focus on places. Wine is liquid geography. It tells epic stories of oceans and mountains, and it tells small tales of villages and streams and hills. It encapsulates an entire growing season and the hardships and the joys of the people who work the land. Treat your guests to a journey through place and time by choosing wines that tell these stories.

How many reds, whites and/or rosés should you have? For a warm-weather, outdoor tasting there should be an equal amount of light- to medium-red wine and white wine. Rosé is texturally similar enough to white wine that it can basically be put into the same category as white wine.