



THE GUIDE TO

WINE PRONUNCIATION

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Grapes

Word	Pronunciation	Description
Albariño	Ahl-ba-REE-n'yo	Spanish White Grape
Aligoté	Ah-lee-go-tay	Burgundian White Grape
Barbera	Bar-BARE-ah	Italian Red Grape
Cabernet Franc	Cab-air-nay FrahN	French Red Grape
Cabernet Sauvignon	Cab-air-nay So-veen-yawN	French Red Grape
Carignan	Cah-reen-yaN	Southern French Red Grape
Chardonnay	Shar-doe-nay	Classic White Grape
Chenin Blanc	Shay-naN BlaN	French White Grape
Cinsault	SaN-so	Southern French Red Grape
Dolcetto	Dohl-CHET-toe	Italian Red Grape
Gamay	Gam-may	Red Wine Grape
Gewurztraminer	Guh-VERTZ-truh-mean-er	White grape from Alsace
Grenache	Gray-NAHSH	Southern French Red Grape
Gruener Veltliner	GREW-ner Felt-LEE-ner	White Austrian Grape
Malbec	Mahl-bek	Red Wine Grape
Merlot	Mare-low	Red French Wine Grape
Mourvèdre	Moor-VED'rr	Southern French Red Grape
Muscadet	Moos-cah-day	French White Grape

Muscat	Moos-caht	Sweet Wines White Grape
Nebbiolo	Nebbiolo	Red Italian grape
Pinot Blanc	Pee-noe BlahN	French White Grape, Alsace
Pinot Grigio	Pee-noe Gree-joe	White Grape AKA. Pinot Blanc
Pinot Meunier	Pee-noe Mehr-n'yay	Red Grape used in Champagne Blend
Pinot Noir	Pee-noe Nwahr	Red Grape
Pinotage	Pee-noe-tahj	Red Grape of S Africa
Riesling	REESE-ling	German White Grape
Sangiovese	Sahn-joe VAY-zeh	Italian Red Grape
Sauvignon Blanc	So-veen-yawn BlahN	Classic White Grapes
Sémillon	Say-mee-yoN	French White Grape
Shiraz	Shee-rahz	Red Wine Grape AKA. Syrah
Syrah	See-rah	Classic Red AKA. Shiraz
Tempranillo	Temp-rah-NEEL-yo	Spanish Red Grape
Torrontés	Tohr-ROHN-tayss	White Grape
Trebbiano	Treb-YAH-no	Italian White Grape
Verdicchio	Vehr-DEEK-yo	Italian White Grape
Viognier	Vee-ohn-yay	White Grape
Zinfandel	Zin-fahn-DELL	Red Grape AKA. Primitivo

Regions

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Alsace	Al-zahss	NE France, Riesling, gewürztraminer, pinot blanc
Beaumes-de-Venise	BOME da Veh-NEES	Southern Rhone, region making dessert wine
Beaune	Bone	Main city in burgundy
Bordeaux	Bore-DOH	SW France, city and wine area
Bourgogne	Boor-GON-yeh	French for burgundy
Cahors	Cah-ORE	SW France, best known for rich Malbec wines
Côtes-du-Rhône	Coat duh Rone	Generic area of the Rhone valley
Graves	Grahv	Region south of Bordeaux with gravelly soils
Languedoc	Lahn-geh-dawk	Southern French region
Loire	Lwahr	NE France, famous for Sancerre, Pouilly fume
Mâcon	Mah-coN	Large region of burgundy
Madeira	Mah-DER-ah	Portuguese island in the Atlantic off the coast

Madiran	Mah-dee-raN	Languedoc appellation
Margaux	Mahr-goe	One of top regions of Bordeaux
Médoc	May-dawk	Main Bordeaux area to west of Gironde river
Minervois	Mee-nehr-vwah	Area in Languedoc region
Mosel	Mo-ZELL	German river valley, home of top quality Riesling wines
Penedès	Pay-nay-DEHS	Wine district near Barcelona, Spain
Piemonte	Pee-eh-MAWN-tay	NW Italian wine region
Pomerol	Paw-mehr-ahl	Village in Bordeaux area.
Rhône	Rone	Great southern French wine region
Rioja	Ree-yoh-ha	Classic Spanish region
Saint-Emilion	San'Tay-meel-yon	Bordeaux region on right bank of Dordogne river
Sancerre	SahN-sehr	Loire village known for Sauvignon Blanc
Veneto	VAY-nah-toe	Wine region NE Italy

Wines

Word	Pronunciation	Description
Amarone	Ah-ma-ROE-nay	Powerful red from NE Italy
Barolo	Ba-ROE-loe	Outstanding Nebbiolo based wine from Piemonte, NW Italy
Beaujolais	Boe-zho-lay	Fruity red from Southern Burgundy
Brunello di Montalcino	Broo-NELL-oh dee Mon-tahl- CHEE-noe	Italian red from Tuscany
Cava	CAH-vah	Spanish sparkling wine
Chablis	Shah-blee	Northern Burgundy, classic Chardonnay
Champagne	Sham-pain	Sparkling wine region
Chateauneuf-du-Pape	Shot-toe-noof duh Pap	Excellent powerful red from Southern Rhone French region
Chianti	Ki-AHN-tee	Classic red from Tuscany
Coteaux du Languedoc	Coat-toe duh Lahn-geh-dawk	Red wine area in south of France
Fino	Fee-noe	Light-bodied Sherry

Manzanilla	Mahn-za-NEE-yah	Dry style of Sherry
Monbazillac	Mohn-ba-ZEE-ack	French sweet wine, South-West France
Oloroso	Oh-loe-roe-soe	Dark and full-bodied sherry
Orvieto	Orv-YEH-toe	Town in Umbria where they produce a dry white wine
Pouilly-Fuissé	Poo-yee Fwee-SAY	Region in southern burgundy, making white burgundy
Pouilly-Fumé	Poo-yee Foo-MAY	Loire white made from Sauvignon Blanc
Ribera del Duero	Ree-BEHR-ah dell Doo-AY-roe	Spanish region producing Tempranillo-based wines
Rioja	Ree-OH-hah	Main Spanish region producing powerful reds
Sauternes	So-TAIRN	French dessert wine from sauternes region SW of Bordeaux
Tokaji	Tok-aij	Great Hungarian sweet wine
Vouvray	Voov-ray	Classic French white, made from Chenin Blanc

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Botrytis	Boe-TRY-tis	Mould/rot. Botrytis Cineria = Noble Rot
Brut	Broot	Very dry, specifically referring to Champagne
Clos	CLOW	Term for walled vineyard
Cosecha	Coh-SAY-cha	Spanish for vintage
Crianza	Cree-AHN-zah	Spanish term for oak aged
Cuvée	Coo-vay	Literally means vat, but means blend of grapes
Kabinett	Kah-bee-NET	Least sweet quality level for German wines
Passito	Pah-SEE-toe	Process where grapes are dried on straw mats
Phylloxera	fil-LOX-er-rah	Plant louse that can devastate vineyards
Reserva	Ray-zair-vah	Spanish term for wines aged before sale
Sommelier	Soh-mell-yay	Wine Waiter in a restaurant
Spumante	Spoo-MAHN-tay	Italian for sparkling
Terroir	Tehr-wahr	The character which soil and geography give a wine
Vendange	VawN-dawN-ge	French for harvest



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