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## Choosing Wine On A First Date

By Neil Best

First dates are nerve wracking enough without having to worry about what wine to choose to impress your new friend!

One of the great things about wine on a date is that one bottle is a defined amount, normally about five glasses. If shared equally it is unlikely that you will fall off your chair drunk after half a bottle of wine!

However, there are some other social sins that can be committed whilst choosing wine on a date.

### Getting Started

First, you need to decide whether you want white, red, rosé or sparkling wine. This is perhaps the most important decision. As a general rule, red wine is more of an acquired taste and it can be harder to select a good red. Therefore, when you do not know your companion's tastes it may be wise to steer clear of the red wine section.

Sparkling wine can make you appear a little pretentious or if you go for a cheaper version, a tightwad; so this is usually best avoided. If you are not sure whether your companion likes wine at all, rosé wine is often a safe option as it often lacks the sharpness that people commonly dislike in wines.

### How Much to Spend?

Remember more money doesn't always mean more quality. If you are very new to wine, go for a house white. A house white is unlikely to be extremely imaginative or unusual, but is almost always perfectly drinkable. For this reason it is a safe, middle of the road option.

If you want to impress, look for something other than the house white. Keep away from extremes until you know your companion a little better, so don't go for bone dry whites. Instead, opt for a fruity dry wine that appeals to those who like both dry and medium whites.

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Whilst neutral wines may seem like a bit of a cop-out, bear in mind that you simply want a drinkable wine that does not offend.

If you are really not sure what to choose, why not offer your companion a choice of glasses as an aperitif while you have a beer or spirit. This way you can judge your companion's taste. Even if they select a spirit, you can still get a measure of whether they prefer sweet or dry wines.

Of course, you could always give your companion the choice...

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## **Why Are Wine Cellars Beneficial?**

**By Julia Martinez**

Drinking wine is not only for occasions as we all know. What happens when you feel like drinking wine and it is not available? You have a surprise visitor and you want to have this wine but it is not on the market? These situations would be less tough if you have a wine cellar.

A wine cellar could store the wines you have and keep them more delicious as time passes by.

Is having a wine cellar not expensive?

Like any other home equipment, you need of course a sum of money to buy your own wine cellar. The expense will not be that long-termed for sooner you could gradually attain the long-term benefits of the wine cellar you have.

How does a wine cellar improve one's entrepreneurial skills?

Owning a wine cellar and increasing the number of wines you store on it is a way of polishing you as a future entrepreneur. As your knowledge of wines improves along the process, you could never ignore the fact that you would also be interested in starting your own wine business.

What is the best wine cellar?

Different wine cellars have their individual strengths and they vary a lot. It depends on how one sees a good wine cellar. To make your choices better, you could read about helpful tips on choosing the right

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wine cellar. To add, online search would be convenient and effective too.

Why is a wine cellar important?

Wine is more than a delightful drink. It has with its contents healthful benefits. Having a cellar to keep it with you without having to worry much every time you need some of it is the meaning of convenience and assurance as well.

Wine cellars are the chest that holds within them the treasure– the bottles of wine!

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