

Classic Bottles List

a helpful wine producer tracker

A **CLASSIC** wine is a benchmark for a grape variety. These are the bottles you'll find in exam settings. It's a style that many winemakers used to emulate because that was the standard expression. A majority of classic styles are from an established (or iconic) producer, however, there are plenty of newer producers making classic styles as well. These wines are usually quality, but not always expensive.

Classic/Benchmark wines are what you want to reach for when learning to blind taste (especially for exams). Not because these are the only "good wines" ("good" is subjective) ...but having a baseline of what is 'classic' is helpful for tasting. This guide will also help you create a memory 'wine list' for service recommendations. (There is space under each to fill in your other favorites for each variety and region!)

organized by **COUNTRY**
Region
GRAPE
Producer

FRANCE

Champagne

CHARDONNAY, PINOT NOIR, PINOT MEUNIER

Laurent-Perrier Ruinart Louis Roederer Bollinger

Alsace

RIESLING, GEWURZTRAMINER, PINOT GRIS, MUSCAT

Trimbach Domaine Weinbach Pierre Sparr Albert Boxler

The Loire

Muscadet

MELON DE BOURGOGNE

Domaine de l'Ecu Pierre Luneau-Papin

The Middle Loire (Anjou, Saumur, Touraine)

CHENIN BLANC

Nicolas Joly (Savennières) Domaine des Baumard (Savennières)

Domaine Huet (Vouvray) Domaine Philippe Foreau (Vouvray)

CABERNET FRANC

Charles Jogue (Chinon) Bernard Baudry (Chinon)

Catherine et Pierre Breton (Bourgueil)

The Upper Loire (Sancerre/Pouilly-Fumé)

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Gérard Boulay Domaine Lucien Crochet Alphonse Mellot

Henri Bourgeois

Bordeaux

Left Bank

CABERNET SAUVIGNON DOMINANT

Château Chasse-Spleen (Moulis en Médoc)

Château Sociando-Mallet (Haut-Médoc)

Château Cantemerle (Haut-Médoc)

Right Bank

MERLOT DOMINANT

Château Le Bon Pasteur (Pomerol)

La Fleur de Boüard (Lalande de Pomerol)

Château Faizeau (St. Emilion - Montagne)

Burgundy

Chablis

CHARDONNAY

Christian Moreau William Fevre Louis Michel & Fils

Côte de Nuits

PINOT NOIR

Domaine Faiveley Henri Gouges Denis Mortet

Côte de Beaune, Mâconnais, Côte Chalonnaise

PINOT NOIR, CHARDONNAY

Bouchard Père & Fils Louis Latour Domaine Leflaive

Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey Joseph Drouhin

Beaujolais

GAMAY

Jean Foillard Jean Paul Thevenet Marcel Lapierre

Rhône Valley

Northern Rhône

SYRAH

E. Guigal **Jean-Louis Chave** **Paul Jaboulet Aîné**
Alain Graillot **Delas**

Southern Rhone

GRENACHE DOMINANT BLENDS (SYRAH, MOURVEDRE)

Guigal **Château de Saint Cosme** **Ogier**
Château de Beaucastel **Château la Nerthe**

ITALY

Veneto

GARGANEGA, CORVINA BLENDS, PINOT GRIGIO

Prà (Valpolicella/Soave) **Allegrini (Valpolicella/Soave)**
Fattori (Valpolicella/Soave)

Anterra (Pinot Grigio) **Kris (Pinot Grigio)**

Friuli-Venezia

PINOT GRIGIO

Schiopetto **Jermann** **Terlato**

Alto Adige

PINOT GRIGIO

Tiefenbrunner **Alois Lageder** **Elena Walch**

Piedmont

NEBBIOLO, BARBERA

Vietti **Oddero** **Produttori del Barbaresco** **La Spinetta**

Tuscany

SANGIOVESE

Caparzo (Chianti) **Fontodi (Chianti)** **Isole e Olena (Chianti)**

Talenti (Brunello) **Il Poggione (Brunello)**

Poggio Antico (Brunello)

GERMANY

Mosel

RIESLING

Dr. Loosen **Max Ferd. Richter** **Joh. Jos. Prüm**

Rheingau

RIESLING

Robert Weil **Josef Leitz** **Schloss Johannisberg**

Rheinhessen

RIESLING

Keller **Wittmann** **Wagner-Stempel**

Pfalz

RIESLING

Kurt Darting **Dr. Bürklin-Wolf** **Bassermann-Jordan**

Nahe

RIESLING

Dönnhoff **Schlossgut Diel** **Kruger-Rumpf**

AUSTRIA

Wachau

GRUNER VELTLINER, RIESLING

Domäne Wachau **Prager** **Rudi Pichler** **FX Pichler**

Kamptal

GRUNER VELTLINER, RIESLING

Bründlmayer **Schloss Gobelsburg** **Hirsch**

Kremstal

GRUNER VELTLINER, RIESLING

Stadt **Krems** **Nigl**

SPAIN

Rioja

TEMPRANILLO

Faustino **La Rioja Alta** **Marqués de Murrieta** **Bhilar**

Ribera del Duero

TEMPRANILLO

Bodegas Protos **Pesquera**

Rias Baixas

ALBARINO

Martín Códax **Paco & Lola** **Do Ferreira**

Priorat

GARNACHA BLENDS

Alvaro **Palacios** **Clos Martinet**

CAVA

MACABEO, XAREL-LO, PARELLADA BLENDS

Freixenet **Codorniu** **Raventós i Blanc**

Jerez (Sherry)

PALOMINO (+MOSCATEL, PEDRO XIMENEZ)

Lustau **Hidalgo** **Alvear**

PORTUGAL

Port

TOURIGA NACIONAL (+ TINTA RORIZ, TINTA BARROCA, TINTA CAO, TOURIGA FRANCESA)

Graham's **Warre's** **Fonseca**

Madeira

SERCIAL, VERDELHO, BUAL, MALVASIA

Barbeito **Broadbent** **Blandy's** **D'Oliveiras**

USA

California

Napa

CHARDONNAY

Stony Hill Truchard Far Niente

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Stag's Leap Heitz Corison Cade

MERLOT

Duckhorn Markham Rutherford Hill

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Spottswoode Cakebread Frog's Leap

Sonoma

CHARDONNAY

Patz & Hall Ramey Kistler

PINOT NOIR

Rochioli Patz & Hall Gary Farrell

ZINFANDEL

Dashe Cellars Turley Seghesio

Central Coast

CHARDONNAY, PINOT NOIR, SYRAH

Au Bon Climat Merry Edwards Calera

Oregon

PINOT NOIR, CHARDONNAY

Bergstrom Cristom Ken Wright Beaux Freres

PINOT GRIS

King Estate Ponzi Elk Cove

Washington

CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MERLOT, SYRAH

Quilceda Creek Leonetti Hedges L'Ecole

RIESLING

Château Ste. Michelle Kiona Vineyards Nine Hats

New York

Finger Lakes

RIESLING, CABERNET FRANC

Ravines Hermann J Wiemer Fox Run

CHILE

CARMENERE, CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Concha y Toro Lapostolle Montes

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Errázuriz Leyda Santa Rita

ARGENTINA

Mendoza

MALBEC

Catena Terrazas de los Andes Altos Las Hormigas

Colomé (Salta) Zuccardi (Salta)

TORRONTES

Susana Balbo Colomé (Salta) Zuccardi (Salta)

NEW ZEALAND

Marlborough

SAUVIGNON BLANC

Cloudy Bay Greywacke Villa Maria Nautilus

Central Otago

PINOT NOIR

Felton Road Quartz Reef Mt. Difficulty

AUSTRALIA

SHIRAZ, GRENACHE

Yalumba (Barossa) Torbreck (Barossa) John Duval (Barossa)

D'Arenberg (McLaren Vale) Yangarra (McLaren Vale)

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Wynns (Coonawarra) Balnaves (Coonawarra)

Henschke (Eden Valley) Vasse Felix (Margaret River)

RIESLING

Pikes (Clare Valley) Jim Barry (Clare Valley) Grosset (Clare Valley)

SOUTH AFRICA

CHENIN BLANC/CHARDONNAY

Ken Forrester (Stellenbosch) Craven (Stellenbosch)

Raats (Stellenbosch) Man Vintners (Stellenbosch)

Hamilton Russell (Walker Bay)

