

# Discover Styles of **Sauvignon Blanc**

Grown around the world, but distinctive in every region, Sauvignon Blanc is known for its pronounced aromatics and refreshing acidity. The grape exemplifies where it is grown, offering aromas such as grass, passionfruit, herbs and melon and styles ranging from minerally and crisp to full-bodied and juicy depending on climate and location. It shines in its home country of France, especially in the Loire Valley and Bordeaux, but has also been wildly successful in California and was instrumental in catapulting New Zealand to international wine prominence.



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## Get Ready

You are about to embark on a tasting adventure! Open all the bottles at the same time so you can compare the flavors and discover the type of Sauvignon Blanc you most enjoy.

## Smell

Give the glass a few swirls; this helps bring out the aromas in the wine. Don't bury your nose into it, but rather hover over the top like a helicopter pilot surveying rush hour traffic. Do you detect the aromas described for each wine? Write down two or three characteristics that stand out.

## Taste

Try coating your mouth with a larger sip, swirling it around noting first impressions. Follow that with several smaller sips so that you can isolate and pick out the flavors. Do the three styles seem distinct to you? Can you describe the differences? Which is your favorite style of Sauvignon Blanc?

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Loire Valley,  
France

## Mineral

Pronounced aromas of citrus, mineral, grass and herbs. On the palate, a light and lean body, crisp acidity and mineral-tinged finish.

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Marlborough,  
New Zealand

## Tropical

Ripe tropical fruit aromas with a mineral tinge. Guava and nectarine notes supported by vibrant acidity and a textured mouthfeel.

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Napa Valley,  
California

## Rich

Aromas of melon and juicy citrus occasionally offering a hint of spice. On the palate a balance of smooth and crisp with ripe melon, floral and citrus notes.

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