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WINERY & RESORT

Natural Flavor Affinities with Wines

When preparing a dish for a particular wine, you can use ingredients that complement and help bridge the food and wine. These are a few ingredients that I have enjoyed over the years. This can be the starting point for discovering your own favorites.

Chardonnay	ginger, melon, orange, sage, tarragon, mustard seed, pineapple, apple, lemon, peach, butter
Sauvignon Blanc	orange, lemon, grapefruit, tomato, red and yellow bell pepper, hearts of palm, onion, garlic, chive, leek, eggplant, marjoram, bay leaf, rosemary, lemon thyme, dill, sorrel, parsley, basil, cilantro, tarragon, ginger, mustard, mild curry, turmeric, nutmeg, mushroom, pistachio, almond, toasted sesame seeds
Pinot Grigio	melon, fig, lemon, grapefruit, papaya, orange, coriander, honey, olive, cucumber, squash, savory, thyme, fennel, chives, parsley, dill
Chenin Blanc	lemon, pear, apple, tomato, cucumber, cilantro, lemon thyme, dill, caraway, lemon basil, parsley, curry, ginger, capers, fennel
Riesling	peach, strawberry, orange, coriander, mustard, curry, saffron, cinnamon, caraway, apple, onion, leek, cabbage, mint, pineapple, lemon, verbena, candied angelica
Gewürztraminer	jasmine, clove, ginger, allspice, tomato, cilantro, curry, mustard, pumpkin, honey, garlic, spicy peppers, mint, cumin, almond, walnut
Muscat Canelli	orange, peach, apricot, almond, coconut, nutmeg, cinnamon, raisin, cardamom, ginger, tomato, lemon verbena, caraway, sorrel, endive, curry, cucumber, mustard
Blush and light Rosé	strawberry, raspberry, apple, orange, juniper berry, ginger, cardamom, nutmeg, bok choy, greens
Shiraz	tarragon, bay leaf, rosemary, mace, clove, blackberry, raisin, balsamic reduction, juniper berry, cardamom, white pepper
Pinot Noir	black cherry, plum, orange, pepper, basil, sage, rosemary, thyme, mint, clove, balsamic reduction, allspice, nutmeg, cinnamon, raisin, pecan, walnut
Cabernet Sauvignon	blackberry, black currant, mushroom, bay leaf, marjoram, parsley, rosemary, thyme, allspice, mace, roasted tomato, wild rice, nuts, mint, green pepper, balsamic reduction, black peppercorn
Zinfandel	strawberry, raspberry, orange, juniper berry, sage, fennel, thyme, oregano, mushroom, eggplant, balsamic reduction, tarragon, bay leaf, cinnamon, anise, clove, black pepper
Merlot	oregano, rosemary, blackberry, elderberry, mint, mushroom, wild rice, tarragon, basil, thyme, mace, green peppercorn, cinnamon, allspice, nuts, peas, tomato, eggplant
Cabernet Franc	black pepper, green pepper, wild berries, chocolate, raspberries, rosemary, thyme