

Words on Wine

Wine and Food

“A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine.”

Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

“Wine is liquid food.”

Robert Mondavi

“Wine is soul food.”

Jim Trezise

“A feast is a made for laughter, and wine maketh merry...”

Ecclesiastes 10:19

“I have lived temperately, eating little animal food. Vegetables constitute my principal diet. I double, however, the doctor’s glass and a half of wine, and even treble it with a friend.”

Thomas Jefferson

“Wine & Chocolate: your heart will hum, and your soul will sing.”

Jim Trezise

“I feast on wine and bread, and feasts they are.”

Michelangelo

“And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine and bread which strengtheneth man’s heart.”

Psalms 104.15

“... the odour of Burgundy, and the smell of French sauces, and the sight of clean napkins and long loaves, knocked as a very welcome visitor at the door of our inner man.”

Jerome K. Jerome, Three Men in a Boat

“Con pan y vino se anda el camino [With bread and wine you can walk your road].”

Anonymous: Spanish Proverb

“It was my uncle George who discovered that wine was a food well in advance of modern medical thought.”

P.G. Wodehouse, 1924

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"I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food."

Leslie Duncan

Wine and Health

"In vino sanitas - In wine there is health"

Pliny the Elder, Rome, 400 B.C.

"Abstinence is a risk factor."

Dr. R. Curtis Ellison

"The weary find new strength in generous wine."

Homer

"Wine from long habit has become an indispensable for my health"

Thomas Jefferson

"At the head of all medical remedies am I, wine."

The Talmud

"Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake."

First Timothy 5:23

"Wine is the most healthful and most hygienic of beverages."

Louis Pasteur

"In a culture where cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death, telling people to avoid any alcohol consumption because of potential dangers or 'unproven' theories is not in the best health interests of the public. Let us not be afraid to just tell the truth."

Dr. R. Curtis Ellison, in a letter to the American Heart Association

"A glass a day keeps the doctor away."

Jim Trezise

"Some years ago, seekers after the gastronomic truth discovered what the French have known for centuries, and pronounced that a little red wine is good for you."

Peter Mayle, Encore Provence, 1999

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"I think it is a great error to consider a heavy tax on wines as a tax on luxury.
On the contrary, it is a tax on the health of our citizens."

Thomas Jefferson

"Wine should be part of a healthy lifestyle and the ultimate health drink."

Dr. Philip Norrie

"I have enjoyed great health at a great age because everyday since I can remember I
have consumed a bottle of wine except when I have not felt well.

Then I have consumed two bottles. "

A Bishop of Seville

Wine and Nature

"God loves fermentation just as dearly as he loves vegetation."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Wine being among the earliest luxuries in which we indulge ourselves, it is desirable
that it should be made here and we have every soil, aspect and climate of the best wine
countries."

Thomas Jefferson

"Wine: soil, sun, rain, and the hand of man."

Author Unknown

"Grapes are the most noble and challenging of fruits."

Malcolm Dunn, Head Gardener to the 7th Viscount Powerscourt, c 1867

"Wine is sunlight, held together by water."

Galileo

"We hear of the conversion of water into wine at the marriage in Cana as a miracle. But
this conversion is, through the goodness of God, made every day before our eyes.

Behold the rain which descends from heaven on our vineyards;
there it enters the roots of the vines, to be changed into wine; a constant proof
that God loves us, and loves to see us happy. "

Benjamin Franklin

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Wine in Moderation

"Eat bread at pleasure, drink wine by measure."

Randle Cotgrave

"No nation is drunken where wine is cheap, and none sober where the dearness of wine substitutes ardent spirits as the common beverage."

Thomas Jefferson

"Wine was given by God, not that we might be drunken, but that we might be sober. It is the best medicine when it has moderation to direct it. Wine was given to restore the body's weakness, not to overturn the soul's strength."

St. John Chrysostum (4th century preacher)

"Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well used."

Shakespeare

"Wine in moderation: Good for the body, great for the soul."

Jim Trezise

"Consuming wine in moderation daily will help people to die young as late as possible."

Dr. Philip Norrie

"God in His goodness sent the grapes, to cheer both great and small; little fools will drink too much, and great fools not at all."

Anonymous

Wine and Enjoyment

"Hey Man, I'm drinking wine, eating cheese and catching some rays."

Donald Sutherland as Oddball in "Kelly's Heroes"

"Wine rejoices the heart of man, and Joy is the Mother of all virtue."

Goethe

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“Wine is constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy.”

Benjamin Franklin

“If God forbade drinking would He have made wine so good?”

Cardinal Richelieu

“Just put your pinkie down, shut up, and drink your wine. It'll make your life better.”

Joshua Wesson

“A man may surely be allowed to take a glass of wine by his own fireside.”

Richard Brinsley Sheridan

“And Noah he often said to his wife when he sat down to dine,
'I don't care where the water goes if it doesn't get into the wine'.”

G.K. Chesterton

“Here's to the corkscrew - a useful key to unlock the storehouse of wit, the treasury of laughter, the front door of fellowship, and the gate of pleasant folly.”

W.E.P. French

“The wines that one best remembers are not necessarily the finest that one has ever tasted, and the highest quality may fail to delight so much as some far more humble beverage drunk in more favorable surroundings.”

H. Warner Allen

“The smell of wine, oh how much more delicate, cheerful, gratifying, celestial and delicious it is than that of oil.”

Rabelias, Gargantua

“Wine gives great pleasure; and every pleasure is of itself a good. “

Samuel Johnson

“Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly, any other purely sensory thing.”

Ernest Hemingway

“Wine is the drink of the gods, milk the drink of babies, tea the drink of women, and water the drink of beasts.”

John Stuart Blackie

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"There is not the hundredth part of the wine consumed in this kingdom that there ought to be. Our foggy climate wants help."

Jane Austen

"Wine gives us liberty, love takes it away.
Wine makes us princes, love makes us beggars."

Wycherly

"It is well to remember that there are five reasons for drinking: the arrival of a friend; one's present or future thirst; the excellence of the wine; or any other reason."

Latin saying

"Drink wine, and you will sleep well. Sleep, and you will not sin. Avoid sin, and you will be saved. Ergo, drink wine and be saved."

Medieval German saying

"Wine ... cheereth God and man."

Judges 9:13

"A man cannot make him laugh - but that's no marvel; he drinks no wine."

Shakespeare

"Here with a Loaf of Bread beneath the Bough,
A Flask of Wine, a Book of Verse - and Thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness -
And Wilderness is Paradise enow."

The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam

"Wine is the most civilized and civilizing of beverages."

Leon Adams

"He who loves not wine, women and song remains a fool his whole life long."

Martin Luther, 1777

"Wine that maketh glad the heart of man."

Psalms 104:15

"Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts. Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more."

Proverbs 31:6 - 7

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"Like the best wine . . . that goeth down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak."

Solomon 7:9

"Forsake not an old friend; for the new is not comparable to him:
a new friend is as new wine;
when it is old, thou shalt drink it with pleasure."

Ecclesiastes 9:10

"Bring water, bring wine, boy! Bring flowering garlands to me!
Yes, bring them, so that I may try a bout with love."

Anacreon 570 - 480 B.C.

"You're walking by the tomb of Battiades,
Who knew well how to write poetry, and enjoy
Laughter at the right moment, over the wine."

Callimachus 300 - 240 B.C.

"Alonso of Aragon was wont to say in commendation of age, that age appears to be best
in four things - old wood best to burn, old wine to drink,
old friends to trust, and old authors to read."

Francis Bacon 1561 - 1626

"If all be true that I do think,
There are five reasons we should drink:
Good wine - a friend - or being dry -
Or lest we should be by and by -
Or any other reason why."

Henry Aldrich 1647 - 1710

"From wine what sudden friendship springs!"

John Gay 1685 - 1732

"Fill ev'ry glass, for wine inspires us,
And fires us with courage, love and joy.
Women and wine should life employ.
Is there ought else on earth desirous?"

John Gay 1685 - 1732

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"What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine."

Thomas Moore 1779 - 1852

"Wine gives courage and makes men more apt for passion."

Ovid

"It is better for pearls to pass through the lips of swine than good wine to
pass through the lips of the indifferent"

Mark Luedtke

"Wine is only sweet to happy men."

John Keats

"When there is plenty of wine, sorry and worry take wing."

Ovid

"A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I've never met a miserly wine lover."

Clifton Fadiman

"Excellent wine generates enthusiasm. And whatever you do with
enthusiasm is generally successful."

Phillippe de Rothschild

"A glass of good wine is a gracious creature, and reconciles poor mortality to itself,
and that is what few things can do."

Sir Walter Scott

"Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance."

Benjamin Franklin

"Drink wine and live joyfully."

Sherwood House Wines

"I drink to the general joy of the whole table."

William Shakespeare

"A man not old, but mellow, like good wine."

Stephen Phillips 1845-1915

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“Wine cheers the sad, revives the old, inspires the young,
makes weariness forget his toil.”

Lord Byron

“When wine enlivens the heart, may friendship surround the table.”

Anonymous

“May friendship, like wine, improve as time advances, And may we
always have old wine, old friends, and young cares.”

Anonymous

“Wine to me is passion. It's family and friends. It's warmth of heart and generosity of
spirit. Wine is art. It's culture. It's the essence of civilization and the art of living.”

Robert Mondavi

“The table has its pleasures and wine makes for a cheerful life.”

Ecclesiastes 9:6

Wine and Art

“A bottle of good wine, like a good act, shines ever in retrospect.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

“A waltz and a glass of wine invite an encore.”

Joann Strauss

“Wine is bottled poetry.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

“I love everything that's old: old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wines.”

Oliver Goldsmith 1728-1774

“Music is the wine that fills the cup of silence”

Robert Fripp

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Miscellaneous

“Bronze is the mirror of the form; wine, of the heart.”

Aeschylus

“Thy sacred emblems to partake, Thy sacred bread to take and thine immortal wine!”

Emily Dickinson

“Come quickly, I am tasting the stars!”

Dom Perignon, upon discovering champagne

“The fine wine leaves you with something pleasant; the ordinary wine just leaves.”

Maynard Amerine

“Even the most naive schoolboy, out on his first date, is well aware of the seductive atmosphere of candlelight and wine.”

Greg and Beverly Frazier

“Wine, *n.* Fermented grape-juice known to the Women’s Christian Union as “liquor”, sometimes as “rum”. Wine, madame, is God’s next best gift to man.”

Ambrose Bierce, The Devil’s Dictionary, 1911

“Wine is the flower in the buttonhole of civilization.”

Weremeus Buning

“The best wine is the wine you like best.”

Jim Trezise

“Water divides the people of the world. Wine unites them.”

Anonymous

“To happy convents, bosomed deep in vines,
Where slumber abbots, purple as their wines.”

Alexander Pope 1688-1744

“Go fetch to me a pint o’ wine,
An’ fill it in a silver tassie.”

Robert Burns 1759-1796

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“Good wine ruins the purse; bad wine ruins the stomach.”

Spanish saying

“The best use of bad wine is to drive away poor relations.”

French proverb

“God made only water, but man made wine.”

Victor Hugo 1856

“Thou hast showed thy people hard things:
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.”

Psalms 60:3

“Wine is a peep-hole on a man.”

Alcaeus 625 - 575 B.C.

“Mankind . . . possesses two supreme blessings. First of these is the goddess Demeter, or Earth whichever name you choose to call her by. It was she who gave to man his nourishment of grain. But after her there came the son of Semele, who matched her present by inventing liquid wine as his gift to man. For filled with that good gift, suffering mankind forgets its grief; from it comes sleep; with it oblivion of the troubles of the day. There is no other medicine for misery.”

Euripides 485 - 406 B.C.

“You need not hang up the ivy branch over the wine that will sell.”

Publilius Syrus

“In vino veritas [In wine is truth].”

Proverb quoted by Plato, (also attributed to Pliny the Elder)

“One should write not unskillfully in the running hand, be able to sing in a pleasing voice and keep good time to music; and, lastly, a man should not refuse a little wine when it is pressed upon him.”

Yoshida Kenko 1283 - 1350

“Quickly, bring me a beaker of wine, so that I may wet my mind and say something clever.”

Aristophanes

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"Fill up, fill up, for wisdom cools
When e'er we let the wine rest.
Here's death to Prohibition's fools,
And every kind of vine-pest!"
Jamrach Holobom

"Despair is vinegar from the wine of hope."
Austin O'Malley

"In water one sees one's own face; But in wine, one beholds the heart of another."
An Old French proverb

"Give me wine to wash me clean of the weather-stains of care."
Ralph Waldo Emerson

"It takes a lot of beer to make good wine."
Chris Stamp, Winemaker, Lakewood Vineyards

"Religions change; beer and wine remain."
Hervey Allen, 1933

"Life can't be shared with an empty glass."
Nancy Johnston

"Drink a little wine before dinner and you'll play for years."
Ty Cobb to Stan Musial

"A woman drove me to drink, and I never even had the courtesy to thank her."
W.C. Fields

"I am beauty and love; I am friendship, the comforter;
I am that which forgives and forgets.
The Spirit of Wine."
W.E. Henley

"Burgundy makes you think of silly things, Bordeaux makes you talk about them,
and Champagne makes you do them."
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

"Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water."
W.C. Fields

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"Wine, one of the noblest cordials in nature."

John Wesley

"Where there is no wine there is no love."

Euripedes Madam

"Wine - the intellectual part of the meal."

Alexandre Dumas 1873

"Be careful to trust a person, who does not like wine."

Karl Marx

"A house where neither wine nor welcome is served to friends, soon will have none."

Rob Hutchison

"Who knows what tomorrow brings?, for today
I am already in heaven, sipping wine."

Linda Kathleen

"Wine is a little like love - When the right one comes along, you'll know it."

Anonymous

"Life is too short to drink bad wine"

Sharon Tyler-Herst

"Wine is the thinking person's health drink."

Dr. Phillip Norrie

"A bottle of wine contains more philosophy than all the books in the world."

Louis Pasteur

"Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it."

Anonymous

"Men are like wine - some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age."

Pope John XXIII

"Cherish good wines for they are the dream makers of the seeds of your goals."

Anonymous

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"In water one sees one's own face; But in wine one beholds the heart of another."

French proverb

"Wine brings to light the hidden secrets of the soul, Gives being to our hopes,
Bids the coward fight, Drives dull care away,
And teaches new means for the accomplishment of our wishes."

Horace 5 B.C.

"Nothing more excellent or valuable than wine was ever granted by the Gods to man."

Plato

"Wine is a friend, wine is a joy; and, like sunshine, wine is the birthright of all."

Andre Simon

"My manner of living is plain, a glass of wine and a bit of mutton are always ready, and such as will be content to partake of that are always welcome."

George Washington

"I find friendship to be like wine, raw when new, ripened with age, the true old man's milk and restorative cordial."

Thomas Jefferson

"The discovery of a wine is of greater moment than the discovery of a constellation. The universe is too full of stars."

Benjamin Franklin

"Wine has been a part of civilized life for some seven thousand years. It is the only beverage that feeds the body, soul and spirit of man and at the same time stimulates the mind... Making good wine is a skill. Fine wine is an art."

Robert Mondavi

"El Viña: Puravida [Wine is pure life]"

"My grandmother is over eighty and still doesn't need glasses.
Drinks right out of the bottle."

Henny Youngman

"I've decided to stop drinking with creeps.
I decided to drink only with friends. I've lost 30 pounds."

Ernest Hemingway

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“It provokes the desire, but it takes away the performance. Therefore much drink may be said to be an equivocator with lechery.”

Shakespeare

“Save New York Water. Drink New York Wine.”

Jim Trezise

“Great wine without great food is experiencing only half the pleasure.”

Michael Mondavi

“I was in love with a beautiful blonde once. She drove me to drink;
that’s the one thing I’m indebted to her for.”

W. C. Fields

“One barrel of wine can work more miracles than a church full of saints.”

Italian proverb