

Wine Preparation Chart

As of September, 2017



Wine	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Père de Famille</i>	Alpha	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended
Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Heart of the Hill</i>																		Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended
Washington Blend <i>Clos de Betz</i>			Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended
Grenache <i>Bésoleil</i>							Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional
Syrah <i>La Serenne</i>			Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended
Syrah <i>La Côte Rousse</i>				Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Drink	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended
Syrah <i>La Côte Patriarche</i>											Drink	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Optional	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended	Decanting Recommended
<i>Chapitre 3</i>									Drink				Decanting Optional						
<i>La Marraine</i>				Drink															
<i>Le Parrain</i>									Drink									Decanting Recommended	
<i>Poggiolo Rosso</i>								Drink											
Washington Blend <i>Cuvée Frangin</i>																	Drink	Drink	Decanting Optional
Mourvèdre Blend <i>Réserve du Soleil</i>																		Decanting Optional	

Wine Prep Tips

- Regardless of a wine's age, open the bottle and taste it first
- If it seems "tight" you may wish to decant to allow the aromas to evolve
- Oxygen contact often makes wine feel smoother and more integrated
- If a wine is younger than five years, you may wish to double decant (pour it into a decanter then back into the bottle)
- You may choose to double decant a few hours before you plan to enjoy your wine
- If a wine is 10+ years old, you may not want to decant at all as the bouquet can begin to diminish during your meal

Drink
 Decanting Optional
 Decanting Recommended