

## Geology and Wine

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The role of underlying rock in viticulture is at least four-fold. It influences the soil type that forms over it, it permits penetration of vine roots to varying degrees depending upon the nature of the rock, it controls the geomorphology (slope) and it assists or hinders drainage of rainwater. This talk will take a look at each of these features in turn, interspersed with tasting of wines from some of the viticultural areas examined. However, as in many wine making areas the link between geology and wine quality is tenuous, some examples of spurious linking of geology and wine that have occurred will also be considered.