

TOOL

Global Variety Profiler

This tool provides you with the notable regions and sensorial characteristics of the top ten grape varieties grown globally. As you continue on your wine journey, it will be helpful to add to this list so that you gain an understanding of how wine grapes perform.

| Variety | Notable regions | Aromas and flavors | Acidity | Body and mouthfeel |
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| Cabernet sauvignon | Bordeaux, California, Washington state, South Australia, Chile | Black cherry, black currant, baking spices, tobacco, cedar | Medium acidity | Medium+ tannin, full body |
| Merlot | Bordeaux, California, Washington state, South Australia, Chile | Cherry, plum, chocolate, vanilla | Medium acidity | Medium+ tannin, medium body |
| Tempranillo | Rioja, Ribera del Duero, Southern Oregon | Cherry, dried fig, cedar, dill, tobacco | Medium+ acidity | Medium tannin, medium+ body |
| Airen | Spain | Apple, pineapple, grapefruit | Low acidity | Light body |
| Chardonnay | Burgundy, Champagne, California... really anywhere grapes are grown | Apple, pineapple, graham cracker, vanilla, butter | Medium acidity | Medium body |



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| Syrah (shiraz) | Northern Rhone, New South Wales, California's Central Coast, Washington state | Blueberry, blackberry, black pepper, olives, chocolate | Medium acidity | Medium+ tannin, full body |
| Grenache (garnacha) | Southern Rhone, Spain | Cooked strawberry, cooked plum, orange, leather, herbs | Medium acidity | Medium tannin, Medium+ body |
| Sauvignon blanc | New Zealand, Sonoma, Loire Valley | Passion fruit, grapefruit, mango, cut grass, green pepper | High acidity | Light body |
| Pinot noir | Burgundy, Sonoma, Oregon, Tasmania, New Zealand | Cherry, raspberry, forest floor, vanilla, clove | Medium+ acidity | Medium+ acidity |
| Trebbiano (ugni blanc) | Italy, Cognac | Lemon, green apple, white peach | High acidity | Light body |

