

TIPS ON HOW TO BUY WINE FOR YOUR WEDDING

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Engaged? Or perhaps planning a special soiree? Chances are, you'll be looking for a venue soon. Then it's time to pick the outfits, book the caterers and send out the invitations. But something often overlooked is the importance of the wine for the big day. Arranging wine for your wedding can be a daunting and somewhat frustrating item to tick off the list. Yet, you don't need the acrobatic skills of a tightrope walker to strike a balance between pocket-friendly and palate-pleasing. Here are six quick steps on how and what to pick for pouring on your special day. Remember, this is a general rule of thumb. Still, ultimately wine is about personal preference, and as a wedding is a reflection of your personality, use the following tips as you see fit:

Step #1: What's Your Budget?

Start by checking whether your venue allows you to bring in your wine, whether they charge corkage and how much. These factors need to be taken into your costing calculations. Then, the most important thing to consider is how much you can afford to spend. Remember that very few people will be analysing your wine's aromas and flavour profile on the evening, meaning you want to serve good wine, but it doesn't have to burn a flute-shaped hole in your pocket. A general rule of thumb is to pay approximately 5% - 10% of your total budget for the alcohol.

