Wine styles chart: sweetness, acidity, tannin and alcohol

32 wines on one page, scored 1 to 5.

WINE	STYLE	SWEET	ACID	TANNIN	ALCOHOL
Cabernet Sauvignon	Full-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●●●	●●●●○
Merlot	Medium-to-full red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●○○	●●●○○
Pinot Noir	Light-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●●○	●●○○○	●●●○○
Syrah / Shiraz	Full-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●●●○
Malbec	Full-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●○○	●●●●○
Zinfandel	Bold, fruity red	●●○○○	●●●○○	●●●○○	●●●●●
Sangiovese (Chianti)	Medium-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●●●	●●●●○	●●●○○
Tempranillo (Rioja)	Medium-to-full red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●●○○
Grenache (Garnacha)	Medium-bodied red	●○○○○	●●○○○	●●○○○	●●●●○
Nebbiolo (Barolo)	Full-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●●●	●●●●●	●●●●○
Cabernet Franc	Medium-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●●○	●●●○○	●●●○○
Petite Sirah	Very full-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●●●	●●●●○
Gamay (Beaujolais)	Light-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●●○	●○○○○	●●○○○
Barbera	Medium-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●●●	●●○○○	●●●○○
Carménère	Medium-to-full red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●○○	●●●●○
Red Bordeaux blend	Full-bodied red	●○○○○	●●●○○	●●●●○	●●●○○
Chardonnay	Full-bodied white (oaked) or crisp (unoaked)	●○○○○	●●●○○	-	●●●○○
Sauvignon Blanc	Light, crisp white	●○○○○	●●●●●	-	●●○○○
Pinot Grigio / Pinot Gris	Light white	●○○○○	●●●○○	-	●●○○○
Riesling	Aromatic white, dry to sweet	●●●○○	●●●●●	-	●○○○○
Moscato	Sweet, lightly sparkling white	●●●●●	●●●○○	-	●○○○○
Chenin Blanc	Medium white, dry to sweet	●●○○○	●●●●●	-	●●○○○
Gewürztraminer	Aromatic, rich white	●●●○○	●●○○○	-	●●●○○
Viognier	Full-bodied aromatic white	●○○○○	●●○○○	-	●●●●○
Albariño	Light, crisp white	●○○○○	●●●●●	-	●●○○○
Grüner Veltliner	Light-to-medium crisp white	●○○○○	●●●●○	-	●●○○○
Rosé	Dry pink wine	●○○○○	●●●●○	-	●●○○○
Champagne	Dry sparkling wine	●○○○○	●●●●●	-	●●○○○
Prosecco	Light, fruity sparkling wine	●●○○○	●●●○○	-	●●○○○
Cava	Dry sparkling wine	●○○○○	●●●●○	-	●●○○○
Port	Sweet fortified red	●●●●●	●●●○○	-	●●●●●
Sauternes & dessert whites	Sweet white	●●●●●	●●●●○	-	●●●○○

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