

Wine words with A

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The wine is on the table in front of us; we look at it, assess its aroma, and taste it, but it's not always easy to find the right adjectives to describe it.

This is where “**The Words of Wine**” comes in – a straightforward, easy-to-use guide containing a list of terms in alphabetical order.



WORD “A”

Acidic : used to describe wines whose acidity produces abundant salivation and contraction of the gums. The sensation perceived is one of pleasant freshness.

Acidulous : this is the sensation perceived when the wine is still young; it causes abundant salivation.

Ageable : this is said of a wine which can last over time.

Aggressive : used to describe a wine with excessive tannins or acidity. The sensation on the palate is particularly harsh.

Alcohol-rich : a wine is defined as alcohol-rich when the sensation of heat caused by alcohol dominates. This is not necessarily a negative trait. Fortified wines typically have a high ABV. In order for the wine to be considered balanced, the alcohol must be effectively offset by the other substances in the wine (acids, salts, sugars and glycerine).

Almondy : with a taste reminiscent of almonds.

Aromatic : when the typical aromas of a given variety can be clearly perceived. Or when the dominating aroma is that of fresh grapes and/or fresh aromatic herbs (basil, mint, thyme, rosemary etc.) and/or of fresh-cut flowers.

Astringent : said of a wine when excessive tannins lead to a certain roughness on the palate and tongue due to a lack of salivation. Normally, this sensation is linked to the individual growing years in which perfect maturation of the tannins has not been achieved.

Austere : used to describe a wine whose softness is contrasted by a slight, pleasant sense of tannic astringency.

Awkward : describes a wine whose appearance, aroma, mouthfeel and taste are not in harmony with each other.

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