



## WHAT IS WINE?

*“Nothing more excellent or valuable than wine was ever granted by the gods to man.” –PLATO*

### FUN FACTS:

- Wine is fermented fruit juice. Typically wine is made from grapes, but it can be made from peaches, plums or berries. Fermented apple juice is cider.
- There are over 5,000 types of grape varieties grown all over the world
- One Barrel of Wine Contains:
  - 740 pounds of grapes
  - 59 gallons of wine
  - 24.6 cases of wine
  - 295 bottles of wine
  - 1,180 glasses of wine

### CLASSIFICATIONS OF WINE:

- Table
- Sparkling
- Fortified

### “SEMI-GENERIC” WINES:

- Chablis
- Burgundy
- Port
- Champagne

### ACCORDING TO THE WINE BIBLE BY KAREN MACNEIL:

- There are nearly 24,000 grape names
- It is believed that there are about 5,000 different grape varieties
- Only an estimated 150 varieties are planted in significant amounts
- Nine grapes are considered “classic”-(grapes grown in many areas of the world that produce excellent wine). Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot Noir, Syrah

### “BIG 6” GRAPES (3 White/3 Red)

	Light Bodied	Medium Bodied	Full Bodied
White Wine	Pinot Grigio	Sauvignon Blanc	Chardonnay
Red Wine	Pinot Noir	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon