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This Calls For A Drink!: The Best Wines And Beers To Pair With Every Situation



Synopsis

What wine goes with your life? Any decent wine book can tell you what to drink with a grilled steak. But what's the best wine to pair with a blind date? For watching the Oscars? For a big birthday? Written by Diane McMartin, this inspired drinking guide matches wines and beers to the significant and not so significant events in life. Binge-watching *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*? Try a Riesling—refreshing but with depth. Dumped a jerk? Celebrate with a sparkling rosé. Here are hundreds of unexpected recommendations delivered in a voice that is fresh, hip, full of attitude, and as solidly informative as it is entertaining. It's everything you need to know to drink like an adult, even if you don't always behave like one. [Â](#)

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I really enjoyed this book. It isn't simply about pairing wine and beer with different foods; rather it is about pairing wine and beer with different situations and feelings that practically everyone can relate to. The author, Diane McMartin, is very funny and witty, and she speaks her mind honestly on the subjects presented. She can come across as being crude and abrasive, but overall she is not derogatory or offensive. The author is obviously knowledgeable on the subject, and she has a way of putting "fancy" terms and phrases into simpler words that anyone can understand. The first part of the book, called "The Basics", can be very helpful to beginners and novices alike. It helps you navigate tasting and buying wine and beer, and provides a quick, yet comprehensive, primer on reading wine labels from different regions and varieties. There is also a great section about

glassware, containers, and tools of the trade. Another interesting section deals with the cultural taboo of screwcaps vs. corks. The rest of the book goes into detail regarding pairing wine and beer with various life situations, emotions, and achievements. Some examples include having kids, dating, heartbreak, girl's nights, getting older, holidays, entertainment, weddings, and work. Throughout the book there are different informative sections to help increase your knowledge of wine and beer, including fun recipes to try at home, wine through the decades, boxed wine, yeast and hops, shandies, hangovers, aging, vintage, drinking and dieting, and drinking and dining. There are also humorous illustrations that fit the context in the book. The "Know Your Grapes" sections profile different grapes by region, flavors, perfect pairings, and examples to try.

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