

Toasts and proverbs

Let's toast to a friend and a bottle to give him.

May we never want a friend in need, nor a bottle to give him!

May we never want a friend to cheer us, or a bottle to cheer him.

It matters not if the wine glass is half empty or half full, clearly there's room for more!

A bottle of wine begs to be shared; I have never met a miserly wine lover.

May we never want wine, nor a friend to partake of it.

A man to whom illness was chronic,
When told that he needed a tonic,
Said, "Oh! Doctor dear,
Won't you please make it beer?"
"No, no," said the Doc, "that's Teutonic."

And how's this for a description of the perfect wine? "It's like the perfect wife--it looks nice and is nice, natural, wholesome, yet not assertive; gracious and dependable, but never monotonous."

At the first cup man drinks wine; at the second cup wine drinks wine; at the third cup wine drinks man. *Japanese proverb*

Baths, wine and Venus bring decay to our bodies, but baths, wine and Venus make life worth living. *Latin Proverb*

Be careful with Dry Martinis,
take one or two at the most.
With three you will be under the table,
with four you will be under the host.

Be sure overnight, if this dog do you bite,
You may take it henceforth for a warning;
Soon as out of your bed, to settle your head,
Take a hair of his tail in the morning! Song, 1650

Beauty lies in the hands of the beer holder.

Burgundy for Kings,
Champagne for Duchesses,
and claret for Gentlemen.

French Proverb

Burgundy: the most successful '05s epitomize the intrinsic genius of a great burgundy's ability to deliver power without weight

By wine we are generous made,
It furnishes fancy with wings;
Without it we ne'er should have had
Philosophers, poets or kings.

Champagne tastes and a beer income.

Champaign sic to our real friends, and
Real pain to our sham friends.

Come lift up your glasses
And make a gay toast:
"short life to our liquor,
Long life to our host."

Drink a glass of wine after your soup, and you steal a ruble from the doctor.

Russian proverb

Drink wine, and you will sleep well.
Sleep well and you will not sin.
Avoid sin, and you will be saved.
Ergo, drink wine and be saved.

Drink wine in winter for cold, and in Summer for heat.

Drunk is feeling sophisticated when you can't say it.

Drunkenness is not the wine's fault, but the man's.

Chinese proverb

For a bad night, a mattress of wine.

Spanish proverb

For of all labors, none transcend
The work that on the brain depend;
Nor could we finish great designs
Without the pow'r of gen'rous wines.

God, in His Goodnes, sent the grape,
To cheer both great and small;
Little fools will drink too much,
And great fools none at all.

Good wine maketh good blood,
Good blood causeth good humors,
Good humors cause good thoughts,
Good thoughts bring forth good works,
Good friends of the Bottle! Good Comrades of Mine,
Stand up and pledge deeply the god of the Vine
Who makes duties vanish, and sad memories fade,
Each amour requited each corking debt paid!

Good wine carrieth a man to heaven.

Good wine ruins the purse,
bad wine ruins the stomach.
Spanish proverb

Good wine will make glad the heart of man

Gravity is an illusion,
caused by lack of alcohol.

He had some faults
And many merits,
He died of drinking
Home brewed spirits.

How is Champagne made? By sheer genius, Sir, sheer genius!

If wine interferes with your business, put your business aside.
Spanish proverb

If you have a good wife, good wine and a rich cabbage soup, look not for other things.
Russian proverb

“Immediately on waking, start telling yourself how lucky you are to be feeling so bloody awful. This, known as George Gale’s paradox, recognises the truth that if you do not feel bloody awful after a hefty night then you are still drunk, and must sober up in a waking state before the hangover dawns!”

In Italy you can do anything you want, but you have to look good while doing it. And being drunk is not one of those things that complies with “la bella figura”.

In water one sees one's own face, but in wine one beholds the heart of another.

French proverb

In wine, might wine, many comforts I spy;
If you doubt what I say, take a bumper and try!

In Wine lies Truth, In Water nought
But Melancholy, dull and sour,
The Apple with old evils fraught,
The Vine Brings Truth and Friendship's hour!
In Wine lies Truth. Its bright rays pass
Open and free from wiles and arts,
The glow of kindness lights the glass,
Men speak the thing that's in their hearts!

Life is a waste of time, time is a waste of life,
so get wasted all of the time and have the time of your life.

Life is hell, without Zinfandel.

Make the vine poor, and it will make you rich.

Man's nature is not a bit the same as wine's,
He loses flavor as his life declines;
We drink the oldest wine that comes our way;
Old men get nasty, old wines make us gay.

May our love be like good wine, grow stronger as it grows older.

Old English Toast

Numme vino pellite curas (*With wine you clear all problems*).

Nothing equals the joy of the drinker except the joy of the wine being drunk.

Old wine and old friends are enough provision.

One drink is just right, two are too many, three are too few.

Spanish proverb

People don't respect age unless it's bottled.

People love to hear good news about their bad habits.

The best costs more, and so it should; it is worth more. Quality matters enormously and is worth more than the money it costs to buy. The best food is the food that looks good, smells good and tastes good; it is the wine and food that does us most good.

Reality is an illusion that occurs due to lack of alcohol.

Rice is born in water and must die in wine.

Italian proverb about risotto

Science has not yet laid down for us the exact period which distinguishes youth from middle age, or, still more important, when middle age passes into fogginess, young or old. I suggest for consideration that one is young as long as one cares only for sparkling wine and does not want to sit over it, but be up and doing - or dancing - as soon as possible. With middle age comes a preference for still wines, and the surest sign of fogginess appears when you are reluctant to leave the table and like to sit over your wine and talk about it.

Sharing great wines lead to great and long lasting friendship.

Sunbeams condensed from Nature's Holy Shrine,
Are gently housed in every drop of wine.

Take the drink for the thirst that is yet to come.

Irish proverb

The best wine that goes down sweetly, causing the lips of those that are asleep to speak.

Song of Songs

The bread of Padua, the tripe of Treviso, the courtesans of Venice, and the wine of Tuscany are the best of their kind in the world.

Italian Proverb

The error with port was in considering it as a substitute for lighter wines and drinking it accordingly. Four bottles a day is the record of Mr. Vanhorn, an English amateur, who at any rate stood the pace for twenty-three years.

The Gods do not deduct from one's allotted span of life the hours spent with a glass of good wine among friends.

Assyrian proverb

The man who has not been drink does not know the value of sobriety.

Chinese Proverb

The idea of sensible drinking as something deserving encouragement without feeling the need to temper one's views with politically correct caveats on risks or harm.

The bitterness of low quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten

The best is often the enemy of the good, the good being, of course, a small store of wine in every house.

The best use of bad wine is to drive away poor relations.

French Proverb

The stairs of a wine cellar are the quickest way to Paradise. *French proverb*

There are more old wine drinkers than old doctors.

German proverb

There is no sounder purchases for a tired and depressed man than a bottle of good Burgundy.

This wine, petillant and clear,
Soothes our sense, and calms our fear;
When in joy we tap the cask
All our dreams bring what we ask.
Drink it! Drink it! Kindly Friend,
Then our cares will swiftly end,
Drink to you, then drink to me,
Pledge our dual prosperity.

Total amount to serve a guest:
One quarter bottle, Reticence,
One half bottle, Sufficiency,
Two thirds bottle, Eloquence,
Full bottle, Benevolence.

Three cups of this a prudent man may take;
The first of these for constitution sake,
The second to the girl he loves best,
The third and last to lull him to his rest.
Oxford Night Caps, 1827.

When wine enlivens the heart,
May friendship surround the table.

Wine is the head of all medicines – where wine is lacking, drugs are necessary.
Babylonian Talmud

Wine improves with age. The older I get, the better I like it.

With wine and hope, anything is possible.
Spanish proverb

Zin Prayer

"Know me, stranger,
For I am thy life blood
and thy nectar.
I shall wet thy lips, parched
by the winds of deprivation.
And nourished shall be thy body,
desiccated by the scorching
inferno of temperance.
Rest thy head upon my bosom,
Lose thyself in the ecstasy of
my caresses,
And know me,
For I am
ZINFANDEL !!"