

Wine Quotes

“Alcohol is an ungrateful subject. Most people who are interested in the subject are already partisans on the one side or the other, and no body of impartial opinion exists which is ready to be guided by scientific inquiry. The majority of those who would give any attention to original work on the subject would do so less to gain knowledge than to find arms and argument to support their preconceived opinion.”

Lord D'Abernon, 1918

Good wine is an aid to digestion and a promoter of good cheer.

I don't think anyone will find a sound argument against the moderate use of it.

George Ade

I hail with joy-- for I am a temperance man and a friend of temperance--I hail with joy the efforts that are being made to raise wine in the country. I believe that when you have everywhere cheap, pure, unadulterated wine, you will no longer have need for either prohibitory or license laws.

Louis Agassiz

On Sherry: The destiny of a thousand generations is concentrated in each drop. If the cares of the world overwhelm you, only taste it, pilgrim, and you will swear that heaven is on earth.

Pedro Antonio de Alarcón

FIVE REASONS FOR DRINKING

If all be true that I do think,

There are five reasons we should drink;

Good wine - a friend - or being dry -

Or lest we should be, by and by -

Or any other reason why !

Henry Aldrich, 1647-1710

Man's nature is not a bit the same as wines.

He loses flavour as his life declines.

We drink the oldest wine that comes our way.

Old men get nasty, old wines make us gay.

Alexis, greek poet

And that you may the less marvel at my words, look at the sun's heat that becomes wine when combine with the juice that flows from the vine.

Dante Alighieri

It behooves the wise traveler to eat the food of the country and drink its wine.

H. Warner Allen

Apart from its elusive bouquet and complex aroma, a great wine presents to the eye joy of colour, and through the sense of touch, flatters the palate and throat, not only with a freshening sense of coolness and grateful feeling of satisfaction...but with the incomparable softness of its velvety texture.

H. Warner Allen

Books and bottles breed generosity, and the bibliophile and the oenophile go through life scattering largesse from their libraries and cellars.

H. Warner Allen

There is no link with the past as eloquent as an ancient wine, and its impact on the senses is intensified by the historic climate in which it was born.

H. Warner Allen

The jazz of cocktails is murderous to the music of good wine.

H. Warner Allen

Corked wine should be served to no one in any self-respecting restaurant or home, for its abomination usually stinks to heaven.

H. Warner Allen

There are few things in life sweeter than friendship and countless friends owe a lifelong attachment to the good fellowship of wine.

H. Warner Allen

The Englishman is too shy as a rule in talking about his wines. He is afraid of seeming to boast his hospitality. Yet the enjoyment of any wine is vastly enhanced by the romance of its history, and there are few or no wines in the world that have no romance connected with them. A good host, if he has not himself the requisite knowledge, should talk over with his wine-merchant the wines that he proposes to offer his friends and it will be rare that he will not learn something that will add a glamour to his entertainment. Bacchus demands due ritual and in his temples the priests were wont to chant his life and miracles. It is right, proper and our bounden duty to wreath the winecup with flowers of speech that proclaim his godhead.

H. Warner Allen

Wine is a chemical symphony.

Maynard A. Amerine

The Aesthetic differentiation of Chesapeake Bay oysters and Olympia oysters occurs only after we can really differentiate them. This differentiation cannot occur until we are thoroughly familiar with both. The same is true with wines.

Maynard A. Amerine

A vine bears three grapes, the first of pleasure, the second of drunkenness, and the third of repentance.

Anacharsis.

For when we quaff the gen'rous bowl,
Then sleep the sorrows of our soul.
Let us drink the juice divine,
The gift of Bacchus, god of wine.
When I take wine, my cares go to rest.

Anacreon

Wine is as good as life to a man if it be drunk moderately. What life is there then to a man that is without wine? For it was made to make men glad.

Apocrypha

If a man deliberately abstains from wine to such an extent that he does serious harm to his nature, he will not be free from blame.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

Quickly, bring me a beaker of wine so that I may whet my mind and say something clever.

Aristophanes

When men drink wine they are rich, they are busy, they push lawsuits,
they are happy, they are friends.

Aristophanes

Whatever is pleasant is good, unless it can be shown in the long run, it is harmful, or in other words, not pleasant but unpleasant.

Aristotle.

It is the mark of a gentleman to be moderate in the use of wine.

Athanaeus

Thirst comes with drinking when the wine is good.

Emile Augier

Bronze is the mirror of form, wine of the heart.

Aeschylus

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

Babylonian Talmud

I have never found any panacea for a hangover. I don't think one exists apart from suicide.

Francis Bacon

The minds of military men turn to women as they do to wine.

Francis Bacon

Age appears to be best in four things--old wood best to burn, old wine to drink, old friends to trust, and old authors to read.

L. Bacon

Good Whisky, as a beverage, is the most wholesome spirit in the world

A. Barnard.

Without question, the greatest invention in the history of mankind is beer. Oh, I grant you that the wheel was also a fine invention, but the wheel does not go nearly as well with pizza.

Dave Barry

Other countries drink to get drunk, and this is accepted by everyone; in France, drunkenness is a consequence, never an intention.

Roland Barthes

Wine is above all else a converting substance, capable of reversing situations and states, and of extracting from objects their opposites – for instance, making a weak man strong or a silent one talkative. Hence its old alchemical heredity, its philosophical power to transmute and create *ex nihilo*.

Roland Barthes

Not all chemicals are bad. Without chemicals such as hydrogen and oxygen, for example, there would be no way to make water, a vital ingredient in beer.

Dave Barry

Be drunken, if you would not be martyred slaves of time; be drunken continually! With wine, with poetry, or with virtue, as you will..."

Baudelaire

The whole glory of any wine is its individuality.

Hilaire Belloc

It is a shame that wine cannot talk. It has more right to speech and accent of its own than any other thing, and I do believe that the inhabiting soul of any wine has about it those qualities which in combination make up character.

Hilaire Belloc

You must let wine approach you in its own way and introduce itself; for then you will find that you have entered into its company, and that is why wine is properly called a companion.

Hilaire Belloc

An excess of wine destroys all good in wine. Nor is there anything easier than to avoid such excess, for true wine, that is the red wine pressed fully from the grape, announces its own satiety. A man needs so much of it and no more. *Hilaire Belloc*

"Also tell him (the alcoholic) how wise it is to make the simple rule of only drinking with a meal. This includes drinking plenty with or after dinner, but certainly nothing before lunch, and better nothing in the afternoon." *Hilaire Belloc*

"Let's slip out of these wet clothes, and into a dry Martini."

Robert Benchley

'I rather like bad wine' said Mr. Mountchesney; 'one gets so bored with good wine.'

Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield

A glass of wine is a great refreshment after a hard day's work.

Ludwig van Beethoven

A great wine may be a work of art. It may inspire the classic simile. It may rise to heights where criticism is half-witted and defence an impertinence. But it is still a wine. It is not a mental exercise. It was made to be drunk, not sniffed at and used as an eyeglass. And in my unrepentant philosophy, the first thing to do with any wine is to drink it (with friends preferably).

Charles R. Benstead (1896 – 1980)

The soft extractive note of an aged cork being withdrawn has the true sound of a man opening his heart.

William S. Benwell

Flow wine, smile woman, and the universe is consoled.

Pierre Jean de Beranger

Sobriety causes hangovers, tremors and in serious cases, even delirium tremens. Sobriety apart, the drinker should avoid any form of exercise. Never walk to the pub. Always take a taxi. Walking can effectively speed up circulation, but it's far safer to sit on a barstool and allow whisky to do just that.

Jeffrey Bernard

Wine, madam, is God's next best gift to man.
Ambrose Bierce, "The Devil's Dictionary," 1907

Abstainer: a weak person who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure.
Ambrose Bierce

I have enjoyed great health at a great age because every day since I can remember, I have consumed a bottle of wine - except when I have not felt well. Then I have consumed two bottles. *Bishop of Seville*

Wine is the drink of the gods, milk the drink of babies, tea the drink of women, and water the drink of beasts.
John Stuart Blackie - Scottish author

Although wine when it is read somewhat lacks the savour of wine when it is drunk, wine remains a very pleasant thing both to read about and to chat about.
William Blake

I should never have switched from Scotch to Martinis.
Humphrey Bogart.

The problem with the world is that everyone is a few drinks behind.
Humphrey Bogart

Drink wine in winter for cold, and in summer for heat.
H.G. Bohn

The shortest way out of Manchester is notoriously a bottle of Gordon's Gin.
William Bolitho

Lily Bollinger was asked "When do you drink champagne?", and replied:
I only drink champagne when I'm happy, and when I'm sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company, I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I am not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it - unless I'm thirsty.
Lily Bollinger

Red wine with fish! Well, that should have told me something!
James Bond (From Russia with love)

Wine moderately drunken,
it doth quicken a man's wits, it doth comfort the heart.
Andrew Boorde, 1562

Scotch Whisky is about the only thing left that is guaranteed to bring comfort to mankind
Lord Boothbury.

Wine makes a man better pleased with himself. I do not say that it makes him more pleasing to others. Sometimes it does. But the danger is, that while a man grows better pleased with himself, he may be growing less pleasing to others. Wine gives a man nothing. It neither gives him knowledge nor wit; it only animates a man, and enables him to bring out what a dread of the company has repressed. It only puts in motion what has been locked up in frost. But this may be good, or it may bbe bad.
Life of (Samuel) Johnson by James Boswell

A man who was fond of wine was offered some grapes at dessert after dinner. "Much obliged," he said, pushing the plate aside. "I am not accustomed to taking my wine in pills."
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

The discovery of wine is of greater moment than the discovery of a constellation. The universe is too full of stars.
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Wine, the most pleasant of drinks, whether we owe it to Noah who planted the vine, or whether it is due to Bacchus, who squeezed the juice out of the grape, dates from the infancy of the world.
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

A meal without wine is like a day without sunshine.
Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Those who give themselves indigestion or get drunk, do not know how to eat or drink. *Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin* 1755-1826 "Physiologie du gout" 1825

Gourmandism is an impassioned, considered, and habitual preference for whatever pleases the taste. It is the enemy of overindulgence; any man who eats too much or grows drunk risks being expelled from the army of disciples."
Jean-Antheleme Brillat-Savarin

Burgundy makes you think of silly things,
Bordeux makes you talk of them
and Champagne makes you do them
Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

The dyspeptic and the drunkard do not know how to eat or drink.
Jean-Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Wine is the most noble and beneficial of alcoholic drinks. Wine is for the sedentary whose work is thinking. Natural wines have been used without drunkenness by the millions of human beings for ages. They supply with iron, tannin and vitamins.
Arthur Brisbane

If it be the purpose to make of old age a time of regrets, of penitence, discomfort, and privation, then alcohol is not indicated.
Harlow Brooks

THE EXCELLENCY OF WINE.
The drinkers of beer
Did ne'er yet appear
In matters of any weight;
'Tis he, whose designe
Is quickened by wine,
That raises things to their height.
Lord Broughill, 1653

Wine is one thing, drunkenness another.
Robert Burton 1577-1640

I may not here omit those two main plagues and common dotages of human kind,
wine and women,
which have infatuated and besotted myriads of people;
they go commonly together.
Robert Burton

Who drinks one bowl hath scant delight; to poorest passion he was born;
Who drains the score must e'er expect to rue the headache of the mor'n.
Richard Burton

If I ever reach an age when my chief entertainment is remembrance of things past,
I shall think very often about wine.

Nigel Buxton

Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter,
Sermons and soda-water the day after.

Lord Byron

Champagne with foaming whirls
As white as Cleopatra's melted pearls.

Lord Byron

Fill high the cup with Samian wine!

Lord Byron

Sweet is old wine in bottles, ale in barrels.

Lord Byron

Long life to the grap, for when summer is flown,
The age of our nectar shall gladden our own.

Lord Byron

Glory, the grape, love, gold--in these are sunk
The hopes of all men and of every nation.

Lord Byron

Few things surpass old wine; and they may preach
Who please, the more because they preach in vain--
Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter.
Sermons and soda-water the day after.

Lord Byron

Wine cheers the sad, revives the old,
inspires the young, makes weariness forget his toil,
And Fear her danger; opens a new world
when this, the present fails.

Lord Byron

Always a drinker, never a drunk.

Cadets du Bourgogne

I heartily favour the use of wine and its sensible use as a beverage as a help in the digestion of the evening meal. I have found the use of wine in my own life one of great benefit. I truly believe that if the American public were educated in the use of wine both as a mild stimulant and as an aid to digestion, the national concern about "hard liquors" would solve itself.

Charles Wakefield Cadman

You are walking over the tomb of Callimachus, who well knew how to write poetry, and enjoy laughter, at the right moment, over wine.

Callimachus 300-240 BC

Wine is one of the most pleasant things in the world.

Anna Bozza Camerana

Men who have communion in nothing else can sympathetically eat together, can still rise into some glow of brotherhood over food and wine.

Thomas Carlyle

Wine is the chain that drags the truth from the profound abyss of one's breast... it is the key that unlocks the secret jewels in one's heart.

Valeriano Castiglione

Listen, Kid, go bring us something
decent to drink, you heard the lady,
she's smashed as a grape and wants
good old Falernian bubbly, the best,
Get out, water, you kill the wine,
move, go chase the squares instead,
over here we do only serious drinking.

Gaius Valerius Catullus Roman Poet 84-54 BC

Compromises are for relationships, not wine. S

ir Robert Scott Caywood

I drink when I have occasion, and sometimes when I have no occasion.

Cervantes: Don Quixote

Wine in excess keeps neither secrets nor promises.

Cervantes

Wine taken in moderation never does any harm.

Cervantes

The dipsomaniac and the abstainer both make the same mistake: they both regard wine as a drug, not as a drink

K. G. Chesterton.

No animal ever invented anything as bad as drunkenness - or as good as drink.

G.K.Chesterton

And Noah he often said to his wife when he sat down to dine,
"I don't care where the water goes, if it doesn't get into the wine!"

G.K.Chesterton

Never in vain, always in wine.

Chevaliers du Tastevin

"Better Come Drink Wine With Me"

Don't go hide in the mountains--
you'll only come to hate it.

Your teeth will ache with the chill of dawn water,
your face will smart from the bite of the night frost.
Go off fishing and winds will blow up from the cove;
return from gathering firewood to find snow all over the cliffs.
Better come drink wine with me;
face to face we'll get mellowly, mellowly drunk.

Don't goof off and be a farmer
you'll only make yourself miserable.
Come spring and you'll be plowing the lean soil,
twilight and it's time to feed the skinny ox.
Again and again you'll be hit for government taxes,
but seldom will you meet up with a year of good crops.
Better come drink wine with me;
together we'll get quietly, quietly drunk.

Don't go climbing up to the blue clouds--*
the blue clouds are rife with passion and hate,
everyone a wise man, bragging of knowledge and vision,
flattening each other in the scramble for merit and power.
Fish get chowdered because they swallow the bait;
moths burn up when they bumble into the lamp.
Better come drink wine with me;
let yourself go, get roaring, roaring drunk.

Don't go into the realm of red dust--
it wears out a person's spirit and strength.
You war with each other like the two horns of a snail,
end up with one ox-hair worth of gain.
Put out the fire that burns in your rage,
stop whetting the knife that hides in a smile.
Better come drink wine with me,
we'll lie down peacefully, merrily, merrily drunk.

* according to the translator Burton Watson, verses 3 and 4 speak allegorically about the worlds of government blue clouds and the marketplace red dust, eternally opposed and at war.

P Chü-I, CHINESE POET: 772-846

Wine is a living liquid containing no preservatives. Its life cycle comprises youth, maturity, old age, and death. When not treated with reasonable respect it will sicken and die.

Julia Child

Wine was given us by God, not that we might be drunken, but that we might be sober. It is the best medicine when it has the best moderation to direct it. Wine was given to restore the body's weakness, not to overturn the soul's strength.

Saint John Chrysostom 347-407

I liked wine, both red and white, and especially Champagne; and on very special occasions I could even drink a small glass of brandy.

Winston Churchill

Always remember that I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.

Winston Churchill

"Sir, if you were my husband, I would poison your drink". *Lady Astor to Churchill*

"Madam, if you were my wife, I would drink it". *Winston Churchill*

When a fat Labour MP, Bessie Braddock, accused Churchill of being drunk, he retorted: "And you, madam, are ugly, but tomorrow I shall be sober."

Winston Churchill

Well, dinner would have been splendid if the wine had been served as cold as the soup, the beef as rare as the service, the brandy as old as the fish and the maid as willing as the Duchess.

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Julia Child

There is nothing wrong with sobriety in moderation
John Ciardi.

"Gentlemen, in the little moment that remains
to us between the crisis and the catastrophe,
we may as well drink a glass of Champagne.
Paul Claudel

A man may travel all around the world, and never find anything more interesting than his
dinner.
Sir Francis Colchester-Wemyss

Wine has been to me a firm friend and wise counsellor. Often...wine has shown me matters in
their true perspective, and has, as though by the touch of a magic wand, reduced great disasters
to small inconveniences.
Alfred Duff Copper Lord Norwich

The common belief that whisky improves with age is true. The older I get, the more I like it
Ronnie Corbett.

Fill the bowl with rosy wine, around our temples roses twine,
And let us cheerfully awhile, like wine and roses, smile.
Abraham Cowley

Wine, like the rising sun, possession gains,
And drives the mist of dullness from the brains,
The gloomy vapor from the spirit flies,
And views of gaiety and gladness rise.
George Crabbe

No government could survive without champagne... in the throats of our diplomatic people it is
like oil in the wheels of an engine.
Joseph Dargent

If God had intended us to drink beer, He would have given us stomachs.
David Daye

One that hath wine as a chain about his wits, such a one lives no life at all.
Demetrius

Our nature here is not unlike our wine;
Some sort when old continue brisk and fine.

Sir John Denham

Champagne is one of the elegant extras in life.

Charles Dickens

Fan the flame of hilarity with the wing of friendship, and pass the rosy wine.

Charles Dickens

I cannot, with such perception as I have of what is reasonable, go along with those excellent persons in confounding the use of anything with its abuse, or in denying any man the cheerful enjoyment of a glass of wine, or beer or spirits and water, because his neighbor is prone to make a beast of himself by irrational excess in those things.

Charles Dickens

What is a man, when you come to think upon him, but a minutely set, ingenious machine for turning, with infinite artfulness, the red wine of Shiraz into urine?

Isak Dinesen

"I rather like bad wine," said Mr. Mountchesney "One gets so bored with good wine."

Benjamin Disraeli

Old books, old wine, old Nankin blue;--
All things, in short, to which belong
The charm, the grace that Time
makes strong,
All these I prize, but entre nous
Old friends are best!

Henry Austin Dobson

I am drinking the stars!

Dom Perignon, on his first sip of bubbly Champagne.

Vitae Summa Brevis Spem Nos Vetat Incohare Longam

Ernest Dowson

Lest we do our youth wrong, gather them while we may, wine, women and song.

Ernest Dowson

They are not long, the weeping and the laughter,
Love and desire and hate:
I think they have no portion in us after
We pass the gate.

They are not long, the days of wine and roses:
Out of a misty dream
Our path emerges for a while, then closes
Within a dream.

Wine and woman and song,
Three things garnish our way:
Yet is day over long.
Lest we do our youth wrong,
Gather them while we may:
Wine and woman and song.

Three things render us strong,
Vine leaves, kisses and bay;
Yet is day over long.
Unto us they belong,
Us the bitter and gay,
Wine and woman and song.

We, as we pass along,
Are sad that they will not stay;
Yet is day over long.

Fruits and flowers among,
What is better than they:
Wine and woman and song?
Yet is day over long.

Ernest Dowson

One cannot imagine a wine drinker in solitude...
The real amateur of wine can only enjoy it along with friends, sharing with them the art of conversation and the art of drinking. Wine is indeed essentially a sign of civilization, a factor of sociability, friendship.

Jean Drapeau

Wine is the intellectual part of the meal; meats are merely the material part.
Alexandre Dumas 1802-70

While wine and friendship crown the board,
we'll sing the joys that both afford;
and he that won't with us comply,
down among the dead men let him lie.
John Dyer

Wine was created from the beginning to make men joyful, and not to make men drunk. Wine drunk with moderation is the joy of the soul and the heart.
Ecclesiastes 31:35

Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart.
Ecclesiastes 9,7

Wine puts life into a man,
If he drinks it in moderation.
What is life to a man deprived of wine?
Was it not created to warm men's hearts?
Wine brings gaiety and high spirits,
If a man knows when to drink and when to stop.
Ecclesiasticus 31:27

At the beginning of the World God created wine for man's health, since it is more precious than any other drink and more natural to him.
Francesc Eiximenis 1384

For Virgins: Tender young things, who have just been taken off stick candy, prefer complicated pink and creamy drinks which satisfy their beastly appetite for sweets and at the same time offer an agreeable sense of sinfulness.
Virginia Elliott

An ounce of Prevention: For the party which you know will be too much for you, certain preparatory measures, less pessimistic than the making of a will, may be taken:
A quart of milk is a conservative preparation.
A physician recommends a large plate of green pea soup.
A can of Tomato Juice, highly seasoned with cayenne and black pepper, warns the proper authorities to be on their guard.
Virginia Elliott

The weariest thing in the world is to make the long trek between the bed of pain and the bathroom only to find the green depths of the Acid Acetylsalicylic bottle are as empty as Life's fair promises of the previous evening.

If you are a guest, take a potion from any of the small bottles marked with a skull and crossbones. This will occasion your hosts enough embarrassment to ensure their reform. They may even be hanged if you arrange things cleverly, which is the Ideal of course.

Virginia Elliott

Before retiring in a Bad Way, always take a large dose of Fruit Salts or other effervescent laxative. If there is any tendency toward nausea it should be assiduously cultivated at this time; it will be more painful in the morning. Experiences differ on aspirin taken before retiring. That is something everyone must learn for himself.

Virginia Elliott

I think wealth has lost much of its value if it has not wine. I abstain from wine only on account of the expense. When I heard that Mr. Sturgis had given up wine, I had the same regret that I had lately in hearing that Mr. Bowditch had broken his hip...

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Music and Wine are one.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A man will be eloquent, if you give him good wine.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The secret of drunkenness is that it insulates us in thought, whilst it unites us in feeling.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

No great thing is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen.

Epictetus

Be moderate in order to taste the joys of life in abundance.

Epicurus

Fish without wine is like egg without salt.

Auguste Escoffier

Three bowls only do I mix for the temperate: one to health, which they empty first, the second to love and pleasure, the third to sleep. When this bowl is drunk up, wise guests go home. The fourth bowl is ours no longer, but belongs to violence; the fifth to uproar, the sixth to drunken revel, the seventh to black eyes, the eighth is the policeman's, the ninth belongs to biliousness, and the tenth to madness and hurling the furniture.

Eubulus, greek poet c. 375 BC

Where there is no wine, there is no love.

Euripides, 480-06 BC

To take wine into our mouths is to savour a droplet of the river history.

Clifton Fadiman

The plain fact is that wine has character. It is not a dead matter, like a motorcar, but a live thing like a human being or a page of fine prose.

Clifton Fadiman

If the keynote of the literature of food is gusto, that of the literature of wine is delicacy or discrimination.

Clifton Fadiman

If food is the body of good living, wine is its soul.

Clifton Fadiman

The drinking of wine seems to me to have a moral edge over many pleasures and hobbies in that it promotes love of one's neighbor. As a general thing it is not a lonely occupation. A bottle of wine begs to be shared. I have never met a miserly wine lover

Clifton Fadiman

Wine is alive and when you offer it to your fellow-man you are offering him life. That is why there are few better gifts to send than a case or two--or a bottle or two--of wine. It is not that when drinking it, they will recall the donor--if you crave such vulgar satisfactions, it is more efficient to send them a chair with a pair of spurs set in the upholstery. It is that, when drinking it, they will become more conscious of themselves, of their own capacity for joy.

Clifton Fadiman

Name me any liquid--except our own blood--that flows more intimately and incessantly through the labyrinth of symbols we have conceived to make our status as human beings, from the rudest peasant wine into our mouths is to save a droplet of the river of humanity.

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Clifton Fadiman

Marsala - Velvety brown and bitter-sweet
a thimbleful cupped on the tongue
swelling in the mouth like the nipple of Pomona *

* Roman goddess of fruit

William Fahey

Some of the most dreadful mischiefs that afflict mankind proceed from wine. It is the cause of disease, quarrels, sedition, idleness, aversion to labor, and every species of domestic disorder.

Francois de Salignac de la Mothe Fenelon

Whisky is the cure for which there is no disease *John Fergus.*

When I demanded of my friend what viands he preferred,
He quoth: "A large cold bottle and a small hot bird."

Eugene Field

There is a glorious candor in an honest quart of wine,
A certain inspiration which I cannot well define.

Eugene Field

W.C. Fields quotes

A woman drove me to drink – and I never even wrote to thank her.

A man who drinks whisky and hates children can't be all bad.

What contemptible scoundrel has stolen the cork to my lunch?

I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to the food.

I drink therefore I am.

A woman drove me to drink and I didn't even have the decency to thank her.

Abstaining is favorable both to the head and the pocket.

Always carry a flagon of whiskey in case of snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake.

Drown in a cold vat of whiskey? Death, where is thy sting?

I always keep a supply of stimulant handy in case I see a snake, which I also keep handy.

Now don't say you can't swear off drinking; it's easy. I've done it a thousand times.

Once, during Prohibition, I was forced to live for days on nothing but food and water.

I exercise strong self control. I never drink anything stronger than gin before breakfast.

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

Reminds me of my safari in Africa. Somebody forgot the corkscrew and for several days we had nothing to live on but food and water.

Man: "I have no sympathy for a man who is intoxicated all the time."

WC: "A man who's intoxicated all the time doesn't need sympathy."

I don't believe in dining on an empty stomach.

A healthy man can drink without danger, while eating, one gram of wine alcohol per kilo of body weight per day.

Prof. Charles Fiessinger

As the steak disappeared, I watched her long, old ear-lobes pinken. I remembered what an endocrinologist had told me once, that after rare beef and wine, when the lobes turned red, was the time to ask favors or tell bad news.

M.F.K. Fisher

Penicillin cures, but wine makes people happy.

Sir Alexander Fleming

If penicillin can cure those that are ill, Spanish sherry can bring the dead back to life.

Sir Alexander Fleming

Wine works the heart up, wakes the wit;

There is no cure 'gainst age but it.

John Fletcher

'Tis late and cold, stir up the fire;
Sit close and draw the table nigher;
Be merry and drink wine that is old,
A hearty medicine 'gainst the cold.

John Fletcher

I like the whisky old and the women young.

Errol Flynn.

We have medicines to make women speak; we have none to make them keep silence

Anatole France.

Wine makes daily living easier, less hurried, with fewer tensions and more tolerance.

Benjamin Franklin

Virtue & Safety in Wine-bibbing's found, While all that drink Water deserve to be drown'd."

Benjamin Franklin

Eat not to dullness; drink not to elevation.

Benjamin Franklin

We hear of the conversion of water into wine at the marriage, in Cana, as a miracle. But this conversion is, through the goodness of God, made every day before our eyes. Behold the rain, which descends from Heaven upon our vineyards, and which enters into the vine-roots to be changed into wine; a constant proof that God loves us and loves to see us happy. The miracle in question was only performed to hasten the operation, under the circumstances of necessity, which required it.

Benjamin Franklin 1706-90

The apostle Paul very seriously advised Timothy to put some wine in his water for health's sake, but not one of the apostles nor any of the holy fathers have ever recommended putting water in wine.

Benjamin Franklin

The discovery of a wine is of a greater moment than the discovery of a constellation. The universe is too full of stars. *Benjamin Franklin*

If God had not made Sherry, how imperfect his work would have been.

Benito Peres Galdos

Dark and sweet wines produce much blood, while white and light ones produce but little blood, so that the first ones are proper to feed the body and the other ones to get rid of liquor through the urine.

Galen lived around 150 AD

Wine is the nurse of old age.

Galen

Wine is sunlight held together by water.

Galileo Galilei

Wine is salutary for old persons and to feeble persons, it fortifies them greatly. In moderation it dissipates black melancholy and produces sleep.

Gardeton, Dictionnaire des Alimens, Paris, 1829

Since the creation of the world there has been no tyrant like Intemperance, and no slaves so cruelly treated as his.

William Lloyd Garrison

From wine what sudden friendship springs!

John Gay

Old wine is a true panacea for every conceivable ill,
when you cherish the soothing idea, that somebody else pays the bill.

John Gay 1685-1732

Fill every glass, for Wine inspires us,
And fires us

With courage, Love and Joy.

John Gay 1685-1732

If, as and when we become a nation of wine drinkers,
we will be a healthier and a happier people.

Crosby Gaige

The slowly unfolding story of wine and food contains the saga of human culture,
good manners and wellbeing.

Crosby Gaige

Good cooking is the offspring of the marriage of the science of nutrition and the art of seasoning. That is an art, perhaps the greatest of all arts.

Crosby Gaige

It is axiomatic that good wine and good food goes hand in hand.

Crosby Gaige

Old wine is a true panacea

For ev'ry conceivable ill.

Sir W. S. Gilbert

Scotch Whisky is invaluable in repairing the exhausted forces of nature.

W.B. Glogau.

Wine rejoices the heart of man,

And joy is the Mother of all virtue.

Johan Wolfgang von Goethe

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once was asked, which three things he would take to an island. He stated: "Poetry, a beautiful woman and enough bottles of the world's finest wines to survive this dry period!" Then he was asked what he would leave back first, if it was allowed to take only two things to the island. And he briefly replied: "The poetry!" Slightly surprised, the man asked the next question: "And Sir, what would you leave back if only one was allowed?" And Goethe thought for a couple of minutes and answered: "It depends on the vintage!"

J. W. von Goethe

I love everything that's old: old friends, Old times, old manners, old books, old wine.

Oliver Goldsmith

A meal without a glass of Sherry beforehand, is like a day which begins without sun.

Manuel Gonzales Gordon

Fill every beaker up, my men, pour forth the cheering wine:

there's life and strength in every drop, thanksgiving to the vine!

Albert Gorton Greene

If you want the truth, Champagne is better than a lie detector. It encourages a person to be expansive, even reckless, while a lie detector is only a challenge to lie better.

Graham Greene

"The wines were chiefly port, sherry, hock, claret and even Burgundy, being then designated 'poor thin washy stuff.' A perpetual thirst seemed to come over both men and women as soon as they tasted their soup... How all this sort of eating and drinking ended was obvious, from the prevalence of gout, and the necessity of everyone making the pill-box their constant bedroom companion."

Rees H. Gronow, "Reminiscences"

Without good wine, spring is not spring for me.

Hafiz Shams Un-Din Mohammed, 14th century Persian poet

The only friends who are free from cares are the goblet of wine and a book.

Give me wine...that I may for a time forget the cares of the world.

Hafiz Shams Un-Din Mohammed, persian poet

Conversion of the enduring, unfermented juice of the grapes into the long-lived, stimulating and nourishing beverages we know as wine, is a process in the marginal area that borders on the miraculous.

Phil Townsend Hanna

Like the charms of a beautiful woman, wine disdains clinical appraisal, the while it provokes ecstatic adoration.

Phil Townsend Hanna

Good wine is of the substance of life itself and its be-all and end-all is indeed the precincts of the metaphysical.

Phil Townsend Hanna

Five qualities there are wine's praise advancing;

Strong, beautiful, fragrant, cool and dancing.

Sir John Harington

Wine taken in moderation, aids digestion. It is festive and cheerful, and I have always believed that there should be pleasure, above all, in eating.

Gaylord Hauser

Champagne is music and the dance,

Sherry duplicates romance,

Port's an armchair by the fire,

Burgundy's fulfilled desire.

Muscatel's a summer day.

Claret's everything that's gay,

Sauterne's a secret rendezvous,

Chablis is very entre nous

Take your choice and fill your glasses,

Drink - and miracles come to pass!

Gates Hebbard

Wine is the most civilized thing in the world and one of the natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range of enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly, any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased.

Ernest Hemingway, Death in the Afternoon

In Europe we thought of wine as something as healthy and normal as food and also a great giver of happiness and well being and delight. Drinking wine was not a snobbism nor a sign of sophistication nor a cult; it was as natural as eating and to me as necessary.

Ernest Hemingway, "A Moveable Feast"

A person with increasing knowledge and sensory education may derive infinite enjoyment from wine.

Ernest Hemingway

Wine is one of the most civilized thing in the world and one of the natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than possibly any other purely sensory thing which may be purchased.

Ernest Hemingway

This wine is too good for toast-drinking, my dear. You don't want to mix emotions up with a wine like that. You lose the taste.

Ernest Hemingway The Sun Also Rises

An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.

Ernest Hemingway

Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk.

That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.

Ernest Hemingway

The spirit of wine sang in my glass, and I listened with love to his sonorous music, his flushed and magnificent song.

William Ernest Henley

Wine acts as a cordial and stimulant; quickening the action of the heart and arteries, diffusing an agreeable warmth over the body, promoting the different secretions, communicating a sense of increased muscular force, exalting the nervous energy, and banishing all unpleasant feelings from the mind.

Alexander Henderson, 1824

Long ago, it was said that if you drink the right amount of Scotch each day, you will find the secret of Eternal Youth. People have been in pursuit ever since
Ian Henderson, Laphroaig distillery.

It gives men courage and ambition and the nerve for anything. It has the colour of gold, is clear as a glass and shines after dark as if the sunshine were still in it.
O. Henry.

God made the vine, was it a sin,
that man made wine to drown trouble in?
Oliver Herford

The bubble winked at me and said,
"You'll miss me brother, when you're dead."
Oliver Herford

The Persians are accustomed to deliberate on matters of the highest moment when warm with wine...Whatever also they discuss when sober, is always a second time examined after they have been drinking.
Herodotus

Well I sup and well I dine,
When I drink my frolic wine.
Robert Herrick

Cibi, potus, somni, venere, omnia moderata sint.
Hippocrates

Wine is a thing marvellously suited to man, in health as in sickness, if it is administered appropriately, and in just measure in accordance with the individual constitution.
Hippocrates

If a body could just find oot the exac' proper proportion and quantity that ought to be drunk every day, and keep to that, I verily trow that he might leeve for ever, without dying at a', and that doctors and kirkyards would go oot o' fashion
James Hogg.

Wine is a food. *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Among the great whom heaven has made to shine
How few have learned the are of arts--to dine.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

I give you one health in the juice of the vine,
Oliver Wendell Holmes

The blood of the vineyard shall mingle with mine;
Thus let us drain the last dew drop of gold,
And empty our hearts of the blessings they hold.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Then a smile and a glass and a toast and a cheer,
For all the good wine, and we've some of it here.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Tis nature's law that wine should flow
To wet the lips of friends.
Then once again, before we part
My empty glass shall ring.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

And let the loving cup go round,
The cup with blessed memories crowned.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

'Tis but the fool that loves excess;
Hast thou a drunken soul?
Thy bane is in thy shallow skull,
Not in my silver bowl.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

The blood of the vineyard shall mingle with mine.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

'Tis nature's law that wine should flow to wet the lips of friends.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

When wine enlivens the heart, may friendship surround the table.
Oliver Wendell Holmes

Wine give strength to weary men.
Homer

And wine can of their wits the wise beguile.
Make the sage frolic, and the serious smile.
Homer

Let those who drink not, but austere dine,
Dry up in law; the muses smell of wine.
Homer

Bacchus opens the gate of the heart.
Might to inspire new hopes and powerful
To drown the bitterness of cares.
Homer

Nunc est bibendum!
Horace to celebrate Cæsar's victory.

Smooth out with wine the wrinkles of a furrowed brow.
Horace, Epistles

Smooth out with wine the wrinkles of a furrowed brow.
Horace, Epistles

No poem was ever written by a drinker of water.
Horace, 65-08 B.C.

Wine opens the seals of the heart.
Horace, 65-08 B.C.

What wonders does not wine! It discloses secrets; ratifies and confirms our hopes; thrusts the coward forth to battle; eases the anxious mind of its burden; instructs in arts. Whom has not a cheerful glass made eloquent! Whom not quite free and easy from pinching poverty!
Horace, 65-08 B.C.

French wines may be said but to pickle meat in the stomach, but this is the wine that digests, and doth not only breed good blood, but it nutritieth also, being a glutinous substantial liquor; of this wine, if of any other, may be verified that merry induction: That good wine makes good blood, good blood causeth good humors, good humors cause good thoughts, good thoughts bring forth good works, good works carry a man to heaven, ergo, good wine carrieth a man to heaven.
James Howell 1634

Wine whets the wit, improves its native source,
And adds a brighter flavor to discourse,
Good wine makes good blood,
Good blood causeth good humours,
Good humours causeth good thoughts
Good thoughts bring forth good works,
Good works carry a man to heaven,
THEREFORE,
Good wine carrieth a man to Heaven.

James Howell

Comrades, pour the wine tonight,
For the parting is with dawn;
Oh, the clink of cups together,
With the daylight coming on!

Richard Hovey

May God allow me to live all the time, to drink all this wine and be ever as happy as it may make me happy.

Washington Irving

Wine seems to have been a contaminant of mankind as far back as books and tradition reach. It appears to have been what man has always considered the principle and finest product of the grape...Wine always has, and probably always will, grace boards of refinement and gentle conduct.

Judge Jackson

Ordinary wine is used as a common and usual beverage by multitudes of our people instead of water. The Saviour changed water into wine at the behest of His Virgin Mother at the wedding feast; it was used at the Last Supper and, as a matter of common knowledge, it is a part of the very core of the most sacred religious rites of both Christians and other faiths.

Judge Jackson

Thomas Jefferson 1743-1826 quotes

No nation is drunken where wine is cheap, and none sober where the dearness of wine substitutes ardent spirits as the common beverage.

Wine from long habit has become an indispensable for my health.

Like my friend the Doctor I have lived temperately, eating little animal food . . . I double, however, the doctor's glass and a half of wine a day and even treble it with a friend; but halve the effects by drinking the weak wines only. The ardent wines I cannot drink...now retired...at the age of seventy-six.

By making this wine vine known to the public, I have rendered my country as great a service as if I had enabled it to pay back the national debt.

I think it is a great error to consider a heavy tax on wines as a tax on luxury. On the contrary, it is a tax on the health of our citizens.

Good wine is a necessity of life for me.

By making this wine known to the public, I have rendered my country as great a service as if I had enabled it to pay back the national debt.

Wine from long habit has become an indispensable for my health.

I have lived temperately . . . I double the doctor's recommendation of a glass and a half of wine a day and even treble it with a friend.

I think it is a great error to consider a heavy tax on wines as a tax on luxury. On the contrary, it is a tax on the health of our citizens.

I rejoice, as a moralist, at the prospect of the reduction of duties on wine, by our national legislature. It is an error to view a tax on that liquor as merely a tax on the rich. It is a prohibition of its use to the middling class of our citizens, and a condemnation of them to the poison of whiskey, which is desolating their houses. No nation is drunken where wine is cheap; and none sober, where the dearness of wine substitutes ardent spirits as the common beverage. It is, in truth, the only antidote to the bane of whiskey.

Good wine is a necessity of life for me.

Destruction lurks within the poisonous dose, a fatal fever or a purpled nose.

Soame Jenyns

A glass of wine often makes me a better man than hearing a sermon.

Jerome K. Jerome

Drink to me only with thine eyes and I will pledge with mine;
or leave a kiss but in the cup, and I'll not look for wine.

Ben Johnson

Wine is the milk of Venus.

Ben Johnson

No, Sir, claret is the liquor for boys; port for men: but he who aspires to be a hero must drink brandy. In the first place brandy will do soonest for a man what drinking can do for him.

Life of Johnson; James Boswell

The feeling of friendship is like that of being comfortably filled with roast beef; love is like being enlivened with Champagne.

Samuel Johnson

Wine makes a man better pleased with himself. I do not say that it makes him more pleasing to others. Sometimes it does. But the danger is, that while a man grows better pleased with himself, he may be growing less pleasing to others. Wine gives a man nothing. It neither gives him knowledge nor wit; it only animates a man, and enables him to bring out what a dread of the company has presented.

Life of Johnson; James Boswell

Wine gives great pleasure, and every pleasure is of itself a good. *Dr. Samuel Johnson*

A man should cultivate his mind so as to have that confidence and readiness without wine, which wine gives. He said that few people had the intellectual resources sufficient to forgo the pleasures of wine. They could not otherwise contrive how to fill the interval between dinner and supper.

Dr. Samuel Johnson

Wine is like sex in that few men will admit not knowing all about it.

Hugh Johnson, 1882-1942

Although there are people who do not care for it,
and who think it no more than a nuisance that a wine list has so many names on it,

the whole reason that wine is worth study is its variety.

Hugh Johnson

Why should a poor but healthy labouring man, whose rich brawny thews and vigorous stomach righteously demand a draught of refreshing ale, be condemned to meagre and gloomy equality with the rich valetudinarian, to whose queasy digestion a mere sip of alcohol is veritable poison? Away with this damnable doctrine of equality when it tells so hardly upon the working man!

Arthur Jones - The English Review, 1924

Drinking wine, we forget and overlook the weaknesses of others... people who are otherwise hard-hearted become, through intoxication, good-humoured, communicative and benign.

Immanuel Kant

Wine has a tradition of bridging the generation gap.

Robert Kastenbaum

Early and wise introduction to wine within the network of the family may help the young to appreciate that they can obtain and share real pleasures within the scope of family life.

Robert Kastenbaum

Boys, the first drink is a boon, the second is a gamble, the third is poor judgment, and then the rate of descent gets steep

Garrison Keillor

My only regret in life is that I did not drink more Champagne.

John Maynard Keynes

Claret. Really 'tis so fine--it fills one's mouth with a gushing freshness--then goes down cool and feverless...and lies as quiet as it did in the grape'. Then, it is as fragrant as the queen bee, and the more ethereal part of it mount into the brain.

John Keats

What man can pretend to be a believer in Love, who is an abjurer of wine.

John Keats

O, for a draught of vintage that hath been
Cooled a long age in the deep-delved earth,
Tasting of Flora and the country green,
Dance and Provencal song, and sunburnt mirth!
O, for a beaker full of the warm South,
Full of the true, the blushful Hippocrene,
With beaded bubbles winking at the brim,

And purple-stained mouth.

John Keats

If you could make some wine like Claret, to drink on summer evenings in an about! For really 'tis so fine. It fills one's mouth with a gushing freshness, then goes down cool and feverless; then you do not feel it quarreling with your liver, No, 'tis rather a peacemaker, and lies as quiet as it did in the grape.

John Keats

Oh! My beloved! fill the cup, that clears to-day of past regrets and future fears.

Omar Khayyam

Assist, almighty wine, for thou alone hast power,
Assist while with just praise I thee adore.
Thou art the world's great soul, that heavenly fire,
Which dost our half-kindred mass inspire.
A friend and a bottle is all my design;
He has no room for treason that's top-full of wine.

Omar Khayyam

I often wonder what the vintners buy
One half so precious as the stuff they sell.

Omar Khayyam

A Book of Verses underneath the Bough,
A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread - and Thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness -
Oh, Wilderness were Paradise enough!

Omar Khayyam

The desire to get high occasionally is not restricted to a small self-destructive minority. It is shared by the most boring and respectable citizens.

Michael Kinsley

Alcohol is a small but genuine contribution toward human pursuit of happiness. Society has decided that the pleasure of drinking is worth the equally genuine cost to society and pain to many individuals of alcoholism, automobile accidents and so on. What's more, this social decision is correct. The world would not be a better place without booze, even if that were possible. The pursuit of happiness has its legitimate claims in the social calculus.

Michael Kinsley in a Time essay

Smells are quicker than sights and sounds

To make the heart-strings crack...

Rudyard Kipling

Drunkenness is deplorably destructive, but her demurer sister Gluttony destroys a hundred to her one. *William Kitchiner*

There is no doubt at all that the moderate use of wine while eating is the pleasantest and probably the most effective tranquilizer known to medical man.

Dr. Russel V. Lee

All wines are by their very nature full of reminiscence,
the golden tears and red blood of summers that are gone.

Richard Le Gallienne

The rapturous, wild, and ineffable pleasure of drinking at somebody else's expense.

Henry S. Leigh

If you wish to grow thinner,
diminish your dinner,
and take to a light claret
instead of pale ale.

Henry S. Leigh (On corpulence)

I went on a diet, swore off drinking and heavy eating and in 14 days I lost two weeks.

Joe E. Lewis

Lewis celebrated his 105th birthday with a glass of wine, saying: "The doctors say wine is good for your health, and I think I'm old enough to confirm their opinions."

Larry Lewis, San Francisco Magicien, Athlete and Banquet waiter, who lived a very active life almost to his death at 106

No longer are her invitations sought and fought for eagerly,
her parties once so popular are now attended meagerly;
a blunder unforgivable made life no longer livable,
for she served the sparkling burgundy in glasses made for port.

Newman Levy

When it comes to wine, I tell people to throw away vintage charts out the window and invest in a corkscrew. The best way to learn about wine is in the drinking.

Alexis Lichine

"None seemed to think the injury arose from the use of a bad thing but from the abuse of a very good thing"

Abraham Lincoln

When the wine [made at her chateau] is in the golden period of effervescing, any sick child in the village ticketed by the doctor can be brought to the wine-presses and dipped in. If labeled 'tres malade,' he is dipped in twice.

Lillie de Hergermann-Lindencrone, "In the Courts of Memory"

This song of mine
Is a song of the vine
To be sung by the glowing embers
Of wayside inns,
When the rain begins
To darken the drear Novembers.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

For the richest and best
Is the wind of the West
That grows by the Beautiful River;
Whose sweet perfume
Fills all the room
With a bension on the giver.

When you ask one friend to dine,
Give him your best wine!
When you ask two,
The second best will do.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The art of cookery flourishes best in the wine-drinking countries. Children who are given wine almost as soon as they are weaned are mightily instructed thereby, for an early acquaintance with wine is the best training for the palate. There is no liquid, no substance even, capable of such infinite gradations and variations of taste and smell, none which calls for all the senses for its full appreciation, and none which offers such opportunities for comparison and the cultivation of a taste memory, which are the essentials of appreciation and judgement in these matters.

R. Makepeace Lott, Wine and Food, 1941.

The savour of well-cooked food, the rounded caress of chocolate on the tongue, the sharp tang of an olive, the delicate astringency of dry sherry, the manful flavour of burgundy, the burgeoning of claret in the glass, the bitterness of beer, all these and a thousand other such can

give me as keen a pleasure as a symphony or a sonnet, and often they bring back memories which neither words nor music can evoke.

R. Makepeace Lott, Wine and Food, 1941.

Wine is the most complicated fluid outside a blood vessel.

Salvatore Lucia, 1901-84

Among the dietary beverages used by man through the centuries, the next in importance to milk has been wine.

Dr. Salvatore Lucia

Wine was born, not invented.

Dr. Salvatore Lucia

Like any old friend, wine continued to surprise us in new and unexpected ways.

Dr. Salvatore Lucia

Beer is made by men, wine by God!

Martin Luther

Who loves not woman, wine and song,
Remains a fool his whole life long

Martin Luther

What sort of wine is perfect of wine is perfect for spring? One with freshness, liveliness, and the fleeting perfumes of fruits and flowers. But above all, the wine must possess that invigorating spirit Nature designed us to experience as we emerge from the dark of winter into the brilliant light of springtime.

Kermit Lynch

Whatsoever is in the heart of the sober man is in the mouth of the drunkard.

John Lyly

When at the social board you sit
and pass around the wine,
remember, though abuse is wrong,
that use may be divine:
That Heaven in kindness gave the grape
to cheer both great and small-
that little fools will drink too much,
but great ones, not at all.

Dr. Mackay

A full cup of wine at the right time is worth more than all the kingdoms of this earth!

Gustav Mahler, DAS LIED VON DER ERDE

It is well known among physicians that the best of the nourishing foods is the one that the Moslem religion forbids, i.e., Wine. It contains much good and light nourishment. It is rapidly digested and helps to digest other foods.

Maimonides 1135-1204

A small amount of wine such as three or four glasses is of benefit for the preservation of the health of human beings and an excellent remedy for most illnesses.

Maimonides 1135-1204

Wine is made to be drunk as women are made to be loved; profit by the freshness of youth or the splendor of maturity; do not await decrepitude.

Theophile Malvezin

The science of medicine supports the alchemy of the kitchen, for we are told it is better to take food with our alcohol than to drink without breaking fast.

Arthur E. Mann

What find you better or more honorable than age.

Take the pre-eminence of it in everything, in an old friend, in old wine, in old pedigree.

Shackerley Marmion

I hope that I am as broadminded as others,
and you have always seen a decanter of wine on the table.

John P. Marquand

I drink only to make my friends seem interesting

Don Marquis

A jar of wine so priceless did not deserve to die.

Martial

Never think of leaving perfume or wines to your heir.
Administer these yourself and let him have the money.

Martial

I'd hate to be a teetotaler. Imagine getting up in the morning and knowing that's as good as you're going to feel all day.

Dean Martin

Sherry, the civilized drink.
Somerset Maughan

The glasses were half full, which meant that the guests were completely so.
Maupassant

Do you remember any great poet that ever illustrated the higher fields of humanity that did not dignify the use of wine from Homer on down?
James A. McDougal

Bottles of wine aren't like paintings. At some point, you have to consume them. The object of life is to die with no bottles in your cellar. To drink your last bottle of wine and go to sleep that night and not wake up.
Jay McInerney

Here I sit, big pot-belly, with my grape juice, which gives courage to the healthy, strength and energy to the sick. Whoever partakes of it, with moderation and timeliness, the Lord will make happy, fill his heart with joy, but he who abuses it and boozes day and night, will be deprived of money and body and soul.
Peter Meier, 1781- Inscription on the wine vat in the Underlinden Museum in Colmar

Now a little glass of wine is the best way to start a meal.
With the soup you sip a little sherry.
Then a glass of white wine with the fish.
A glass of light red with the beef.
Then port with a dessert.
Lauritz Melchior

Note the superiority of wine over Venus! I may say the magnanimity of wine;
our jealousy turns on him that will not share.
George Meredith

A house with a great wine stored below lives in our imagination as a joyful house,
fast and splendidly rooted in the soil.
George Meredith

I feast on wine and bread, and feasts they are. *Michelangelo*

Wine, the cheerer of the heart and lively refresher of the countenance.
Thomas Middleton

When night darkens the streets, then wander forth the sons of Belial,
flown with insolence and wine.

John Milton

Bacchus, that first from out the purple grape crushed the sweet poison of misused wine.

John Milton

Wine, one sip of this will bathe the drooping spirits in delight beyond the bliss of dreams.
Be wise and taste.

John Milton

Wine is harmful in large quantities and beneficial in small quantities.

(The) Minor Tractates of the Talmud. London: The Soncino Press, 1965

A man should not form the habit of drinking wine at midday; for when he drinks wine at midday,
the consequence is that he neglects the study of the whole Torah.

(The) Minor Tractates of the Talmud. London: The Soncino Press, 1965

A good party is where you enjoy good people,
and they taste even better with Champagne.

Wilson Mizner

Making good wine is a skill, fine wine an art.

Robert Mondavi

Intoxication is calculated to put heart into the elderly and give them delight in dancing.

Montaigne

Wine is the benevolent god, who gives back gaiety to men and restores youth to the old.

Montaigne

Diogenes was asked what wine he liked best, and he answered
as I would have done when he said, "Somebody else's."

Montaigne

Burgundy was the winiest wine, the central, essential, and typical wine,
the soul and greatest common measure of all the kindly wines of the earth.

Charles Edward Montague

What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine.

Thomas Moore

Come, send round the wine, and leaves
points of belief
To simpleton sages, and reasoning fools.
So Life's year begins and closes,
Days, though short'ning still can shine;
What though youth gave love and roses,
Age still leaves us friends and wine.

Thomas Moore

Say, why did Time his glass sublime
Fill up with sands unsightly,
When wine, he knew, runs briskly through
And sparkles far more brightly.

Thomas Moore

If with water you fill up your glasses,
You'll never write anything wise;
For wine the true horse of Parnassus,
Which carries a bard to the skies.

Thomas Moore

Twine the roses, the garland twine,
Every leaf distilling wine;
Drink and smile and learn to think
That we were born to smile and drink.

Thomas Moore

Wine opens the heart. It warms the shy poet hidden in the cage of the ribs. It melts the wax in the ears that music may be heard. It takes the terror from the tongue that truth may be said, or what rhymes marvelously with truth. The soft warm sting on the cheekbones that a ripe Burgundy gives is only the thin outward pervasion of a fine heat within, when the cruel secret smoulder of the wit leaps into clear flame, flame that consumes the sorry rubbish of precaution and cajolery.

Christopher Morley

Then mind is full of answers. Then presently, if you have dealt justly with the god, not brutishly, he gives you the completest answer of all -- sleep.

Christopher Morley

Aqua vitae was first used in this country, Ireland, as a medicine, considered as a panacea for all disorders, and the physicians recommended it to patients indiscriminately for preserving health, dissipating humours, strengthening the heart, curing colic, dropsy, palsy, quartan fever, stone, and even prolonging existence beyond the common limits.

Morewood on "Inebriating Liquors"

Alcohol is unique among psychoactive substances in the variety of its objective properties for which humans have found uses. Setting aside its use as a fuel and as a solvent, alcoholic beverages are consumed as a medicine, as a nutrient, as a sacral substance and as an intoxicant.

Mäkelä

There are two basic types of cultural configuration concerning the use of alcohol: Cultures like Italy in which nutritional use of alcohol is historically dominant, and cultures in which the definition of alcohol is historically dominant. Among the Jews, the Scandinavians and the Camba alike, alcohol is an intoxicant, but these three cultures have developed alternative normative solutions to the regulation of the use of this intoxicant with alcohol isolated "into a sacral corner" for orthodox Jews, and confined to "clearly demarcated occasions" by the Camba, while the Scandinavians "vacillate between Dionysian acceptance and ascetic condemnation of drunkenness".

Mäkelä

The first duty of a wine is to be red, the second duty is to be Burgundy

Henri Murger

In victory, you deserve champagne, in defeat, you need it.

Napoleon Bonaparte

I drink champagne when I win, to celebrate . . . and I drink champagne when I lose, to console myself.

Napoleon Bonaparte

Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker.

Ogden Nash

Wine to the poet is a winged steed;
Those who drink water gain but little speed.

Nicaentus

Consuming wine in moderation will help people die young as late as possible.

Philip Norrie

If wine is interesting, it's because it is like human beings – it's complex, unpredictable, changing. It's alive, and it evolves over time. It is as grotesque to assign a numerical rating to determine the value of a wine as it is to assign a number to a human being to determine his worth.

Jonathan Nossiter

Wine, not too much, inspires and make the mind,
to the soft joys of Venus strong inclined,
which, buried in excess, unapt to love,
stupidly lies and knows not hom to move
Ovid 43 B.C - A.D.17

It warms the blood, adds luster to the eyes, and wine and love have ever been allies.
Ovid

Wine prepares the heart for love, unless you take too much.
Ovid

Wine, not too much, inspires and make the mind,
to the soft joys of Venus strong inclined,
which, buried in excess, unapt to love,
stupidly lies and knows not how to move.
Ovid

Wine and love have ever been allies;
But carefully from all intemperance keep,
Nor drink till you see double, lisp or sleep.
Ovid

Whisky's gude for a'complainin',
Whisky cures when doctors fail,
Whisky cheers a winter's evening,
Whisky quicken's head and tail...
Three famous new songs called "Effects of Whisky...
Caldwell Paisley c.1820.

Whether wine is a nourishment, medicine or poison is a matter of dosage.
Paracelsus 1493-1541

Three are the things I shall never attain:
Envy, content and sufficient champagne.
Dorothy Parker

I like to have a Martini,
Two at the very most.
At three I'm under the table,
At four, I'm under the host!
Dorothy Parker

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

The flavour of wine is like delicate poetry.
Loius Pasteur

Wine is justly looked upon as the most healthful and hygienic of beverages.
Louis Pasteur 1822-95

There are two reasons for drinking: one is, when you are thirsty, to cure it; the other, when you are not thirsty, to prevent it – prevention is better than cure.
Peacock

Perhaps public health policy should build on the healthy uses to which most people put alcohol.
At least, perhaps we can simply tell the truth about alcohol.
Staunton Peele

To drink is to warm the heart; without dispelling reason, it gives reason to life.
José Maria Pemán

Nothing is so effective in keeping one young and full of lust as a discriminating palate thoroughly satisfied at least once a day.
Angelo Pelligrini, "The Unprejudiced Palate"

To drink is to warm the heart; without dispelling reason it gives reason to life.
José Maria Pemán

Wine is an old man's milk.
Antonio Perez

Wine is life Vita vinum est.
Petronius, Satyricon

No thing more excellent nor more valuable than wine was ever granted mankind by God.
Plato 429-347B.C.

He was a wise man who invented beer.
Plato

What is better adapted than the festive use of wine in the first place to test and in the second place to train the character of a man, if care be taken in the use of it? What is there cheaper or more innocent. *Plato*

When a man drinks wine at dinner, he begins to be better pleased with himself.
Plato

A remedy for the moroseness of old age.
Plato

Wine fills the heart with courage.
Plato

I regard those as wise who employ old wine freely and study old stories.
Plautus

In Vino Veritas. *Pliny, Historia Naturalis*

In wine there is truth. *Pliny The Elder* [A.D.23-79] "Natural History," Book XIV, Sect. 141

It is an excellent practice on drinking wine to swallow glasses of water at intervals, and, even after leaving a meal, to drink water just taken from the spring, for fresh water immediately dispels drunkenness.
Pliny H.N.

Wine refreshes the stomach, sharpens the appetite, blunts care and sadness, and conduces to slumber.
Pliny the Elder, 23-79 A.D.

Nothing is more useful than wine for strengthening the body and also more detrimental to our pleasures if moderation be lacking.
Pliny the elder, 70 A.D.

Of all drinks wine is most profitable, of medicines most pleasant, and of dainty viands most harmless; provided always that it be well tempered with opportunity of the time.
Plutarch

Moderation in the drinking of good wine often is conducive to health and happiness. Wine-drinking peoples are never - or seldom - intemperate.

Channing Pollock 1880-1946

Wine what the wit, improves its native force,
And gives pleasant flavor to discourse.

John Pomfret

Champagne was the only wine that left a woman beautiful after drinking.

Madame De Pompadour

"It takes a hell of a lot of beer to make good wine"

David Powell, Australian winemaker (Torbreck)

Old wine has the charm and savour of a remembrance. Like the latter, if comes to us from the past, decanted from its mires and bonds--clear, brilliant, aureoled with joy and fragrance. Like remembrance, also, it knows how to unlock for us the springs of a dream.

Pierre Poupon

Wine is a splendid thing in and of itself, but it is nonetheless proper to examine the high nutritional and hygienic values of wine from a scientific point of view. We are convinced that scientists will thus perform a service to mankind, since at the same time they will help determine the measure beyond which its use is a misuse for all creation.

Pope Pius XII

Wine works the heart up, wakes the wit,
There is no cure 'gainst age but it

Alexander Pope

To happy convents, bosom'd deep in vines,
where slumber abbots purple as their wines.

Alexander Pope

Inflaming wine, pernicious to mankind.

Alexander Pope

The taste for resin can be aquired, but there is no need to aquire it.

Raymond Postgate

Dinner at the Huntercombe's possessed only two dramatic features - the wine was a farce and the food a tragedy.

Anthony Powell - The Acceptance World

The taste for resin can be aquired, but there is no need to aquire it

Raymond Postgate

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Proverbs 20:1

Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember misery no more.

Proverbs 31:6-7

Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.

Proverbs 23:29-32

Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.

Let him drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more.

Proverbs 31:6-7

The grape absorbs the sun, the wine puts the sunshine into men's hearts;
without it the world would begin to look for vices to take place of conviviality.

Ninas Wilcox Putnam

I never drink without a thirst, either present or future.

Francois Rabelais

Never did a great man hate good wine.

Francois Rabelais

Value wine like women, for maturity not age.

Cyrus Redding

When the cellar is empty a man's all is gone.

Cyrus Redding

Good wine at supper makes an appetite at breakfast.

Cyrus Redding

There are many dreams in a bottle of Burgundy.

Cyrus Redding

There was a young lady of Kent,
Who said that she knew what it meant
When men asked her to dine,
Gave her cocktails and wine,
She knew what it meant - but she went!

Langford Reed

Wine, women, baths, by art or nature varme,
Us'd or abus'ed do men much good or harme.

Regimen Sanitatis Salernitarum

If God forbade drinking, would he have made wine so good?

Cardinal Richelieu

You can have too much champagne to drink but you can never have enough.

Elmer Rice

The most interesting people have not lead the most pristine lives, and wines are the same way.

Scott Rich,

Talisman Winery

Champagne is the winelover's luxury.

Jancis Robinson

Moderation is an ostentatious proof of our strength of character.

La Rochefoucauld

Excellent wine generates enthusiasm. And whatever you do with enthusiasm is generally successful.

Philippe de Rothschild

The survival of the numerous misconceptions hidden in the popular mythology of alcohol must be attributed in very large part to the sleepless exertions of those to whom the comforts of faith are always preferable to the austerities of fact.

Berton Roueché

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The Almighty might no doubt have caused a better wine to exist, but he never did.

George Saintsbury

When they were good wines they pleased my sense, cheered my spirits, improved my moral and intellectual powers, besides enabling me to confer the same benefits on other people.

George Saintsbury

Spirits: I think those who can drink them and do not fools, but I think those who can't drink them and do, worse fools and unjust men too, because they bring scandal on an excellent creature and consume that share of it that should go to others.

George Saintsbury

There is good whisky, there is whisky which is not so good, but there is no bad whisky.

Philip Schidrowitz.

When the wine goes in, strange things come out.

Schiller

A glass of good wine is a gracious creature, and reconciles poor mortality to itself, and that is what few things can do.

Sir Walter Scott

God in his goodness sent the grapes
To cheer both great and small;
Little fools will drink too much
And great fools none at all!

Sir Walter Scott

The juice of the grape is given to him that will use it wisely, as that which cheers the heart of man after toil, refreshes him in sickness and comforts him in sorrow. He who so enjoyeth it may thank God for his wine-cup as for his daily bread; and he who abuseth the gift of heaven is not greater fool in his intoxication than thou in thine abstinence.

Sir Walter Scott

Wine is a perfect cure for heaviness and sorrow.

Seneca

Wine frees the soul from the servitude of cares, releases it from slavery, quickens it, and makes it bolder for all undertakings.

Seneca

A man cannot make him laugh; but that's no marvel; he drinks no wine.... If I had a thousand sons, the first human principle I would teach them should be, to forswear thin potations and to addict themselves to sack.

Shakespeare - King Henry IV

With mirth and laughter
let old wrinkles come.

And let my liver rather
heat with wine,
than my heart cool with
mortifying groans.
Shakespeare - Gratiano in Merchant of Venice

A cup of hot wine not a drop of allaying Tiber in't.
Shakespeare - Julius Caesar

Give me a bowl of wine,
In this I bury all unkindness.
Shakespeare - Julius Caesar

Give me a bowl of wine:
I have not that alacrity of spirit,
Nor cheer of mind, that I was wont to have.
Shakespeare - Richard III.

Wine is a good familiar creature if it be will used,
exclaim no more against it...
Shakespeare - Othello

A man cannot make him laugh - but that is no marvel;
he drinks no wine.
William Shakespeare

The wine of life is drawn, and the mere lees is left this vault to brag of.
William Shakespeare

Good wine is a good familiar creature if it be well-used.
William Shakespeare

Good wine needs no bush.
William Shakespeare

Come, thou monarch of the vine, Plumpy Bacchus with pink eye.
William Shakespeare

There's none of these demure boys come to any proof; for thin drink doth so overcool their
blood...that they fall into a kind of male green sickness; and when they marry they get

wenches...If I had a thousand sons, the first human principle I would teach them should be, to forswear thin potations and addict themselves to sack.

William Shakespeare, Henry IV

A mind of the calibre of mine cannot derive its nutriment from cows.

George Bernard Shaw

There is no love sincerer than the love of food and wine.

George Bernhard Shaw.

Alcohol is the anaesthesia by which we endure the operation of life

George Bernhard Shaw.

I'm only a beer teetotaller, not a champagne teetotaller.

George Bernard Shaw

Taste and smell are often the beggars among our five senses - they leave no written language and therefore no standards other than wholly personal ones. Tasting a superlative Moselle wine can be an aesthetic experience no less genuine than hearing a Mozart piano concerto or seeing for the first time an original Breughel painting.

Frank Schoonmaker.

The alcohol in wine is as the canvas upon which an artist paints a picture ... It is not the small percentage of alcohol that appeals to you, but the brilliant ruby of the wine's colour, the attractive perfume of its bouquet and the delicious savour of its farewell, the lingering taste which it leaves behind as it descends smoothly down your grateful throat.

André Simon

Drink good wines habitually and fine wines occasionally

André L. Simon

As the mating instinct is the natural urge to secure the survival of the race, and the herd instinct the natural urge for safety in a world full of fears, so the wine instinct is the natural urge for joy

André L. Simon

The man who lacks common sense, will power and self control and disregards the golden rule of moderation, is his own worst enemy; he is throwing away his own chances to win the game of life.

André L. Simon

There are people who have been known to prefer bad wine to good, just as there are men who are fascinated by bad women.

André L. Simon

Civilization without wine is unthinkable.

André L. Simon

Wine is a friend, wine is a joy; and like sunshine, wine is the birth right of all.

André L. Simon

No society has yet solved the riddle of achieving the ideal balance where the majority can enjoy the social and health benefits of moderate drinking, while the harm that alcohol causes is minimized.

Richard Smallwood

The cheapness of wine seems to be a great cause, not of drunkenness but of sobriety. The inhabitants of the wine countries are in general the soberest people in Europe; witness the Spaniards, the Italians, and the inhabitants of the southern provinces of France.

Adam Smith - Wealth of Nations

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Adam Smith, Scottish economist

The Highlanders regale themselves with whisky. They find it an excellent preservation against the winter cold. It is given with great success to the infants in the confluent smallpox

Tobias Smollett.

Alcohol - which is the Devil in solution - will destroy in the end, if you abuse her, although her methods of destruction may differ, according to the capacity, or constitution, of her victims.

Edward Spencer - The Flowing Bowl London 1899

The best Pick-me-up: "The boy, the whole Boy, and nothing but the Boy" Champagne.

Edward Spencer - The Flowing Bowl London 1899

All honour to him who abstains from strong drink for conscience' sake, or in the hope that others may profit by his example. But the lash of scorn for him who because he does not swallow fermented refreshment himself, says to his brother: Thou shalt not drink!" The Puritans abolished bear-baiting, not on account of the cruelty to the bears, but because the alleged sport gave pleasure to the people; and the Puritans of the day, who forbid cakes and ale, and hunting, and horse-racing do so of the self-same reason.

Edward Spencer - The Flowing Bowl London 1899

In Great Britain, brandy is regarded alternatively as a medicine or as a sin. In the Charente, where it comes from, brandy is a mystery, a cult, almost a religion, and altogether a fine art
.Charles Stambois

The Gods made wine the best thing for moral man to scatter cares.
Stasinus of Cyprus

Two gallons is a great deal of wine, even for two paisanos. Spiritually the jugs may be graduated thus: Just below the shoulder of the first bottle, serious and concentrated conversation. Two inches farther down, sweetly sad memory. Three inches more, thoughts of old and satisfactory loves. An inch, thoughts of old and bitter loves. Bottom of the first jug, general and undirected sadness. Shoulder of the second jug, black, unholy despondency. Two fingers down, a song of death or longing. A thumb, every other song each one knows. The graduations stop here, for the trail splits and there is no certainty. From this point on anything can happen.

John Steinbeck "Tortilla Flat" 1902-1968

Into crystal cup the dusky wine pour, and, musing at so rich a shrine,
watch the star that haunts its ruddy gloom.
George Sterling

Wine gives all and gives forever.
George Sterling

He who clinks his cup with mine,
Adds a glory to the wine.
George Sterling

A bottle of good wine, like a good act, shines ever in retrospect.
Robert Louis Stevenson

..the stirring sunlight, and the growing vine, and the vats and bottles in the cavern, made a pleasant music for the mind.
Robert Louis Stevenson

Those lodes and pockets of earth, more precious than the precious ores, that yield inimitable fragrance and soft fire, those virtuous Bonanzas where the soil has sublimated under sun and stars to something finer, and the wine is bottled poetry...
Robert Louis Stevenson

Fifteen men on the dead man's chest
Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!
Drink and the Devil had done for the rest--

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!
Robert Louis Stevenson

Day and night my thoughts incline
To the blandishments of wine;
Jars were made to drain; I think,
Wine, I know, was made to drink.
Richard Henry Stoddard

When I die, the day be far
Should the potter make a jar
Out of this poor clay of mine,
Let the jar be filled with wine.
Richard Henry Stoddard

I am a wine drinker, I drink every day of my life.
I believe in the effect of good wine to relax one.
Leopold Stokowski

Wine has enhanced our lives since civilization began, and is as much a part of our culture as music, poetry and religion. It has ever been the beverage of moderation and cordiality to be enjoyed at mealtimes with guests, family and friends
Stonegate Winery.

All the things I really like to do are either illegal, immoral, or fattening.
Alexander Woollcott

A waltz and a glass of wine invite an encore.
Johann Strauss

This wine should be eaten, it is too good to be drunk.
Jonathan Swift

Venus rose red out of wine.
Algernon Charles Swinborne

First you caress your glass with the palm of your hand so as to warm it. Next you rotate the wine gently in order to liberate its bouquet. After that you take it to your eye to admire its fine colour, and then you put down your glass again and begin to talk.
Talleyrand

Wine is the foremost of all medicines - wherever wine is lacking medicines become necessary.
The Talmud

Sip your spirits and cure your cold, but I will take Port that will cure all things, even a bad character. For there was never a Port drinker who lacked friends to speak for him.
William Makepeace Thackeray

Wine is wont to show the mind of man.
Theogenis

In the history of the culture of the most important nations wine takes a significant place, and is eminent over all other beverages, as well in its daily trivial as in its festive and solemn use. It rouses the higher faculties of thought, memory, and imagination, the poetical forms of all phases of the mind; it increases the zest of life and its duration. Subordinate, but of similar significance in the given cases, are its powers to remove pain and cheer and strengthen the heart in processes of recovery from fatigue, injury, or illness.
J. L. W. Thudicum 1894

Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities.
Timothy 5:23

I drink, therefore I am. I eat, therefore I am more.
W.R. Tish

With age a richer life begins,
The spirit mellows:
Ripe age gives tone to violins,
Wine and good fellows.
John Townsend

Anyone who knows his history... must surely know his wines.
Arnold Toynbee

I am of the opinion that no man in health can need wine till he arrives at 40. He may then begin with two glasses in the day: at 50 he may add two more; and at 60 he may go to the length of six glasses a day, but not to exceed that quantity even though he should live to 100.
Thomas Trotter, 1804. An Essay, medical, philosophical, and chemical on drunkenness, and its effect on the human body

With years a richer life begins, the spirit mellow:
ripe age gives tones to violins, wine, and good fellows.

John Townsend Trowbridge

The Germans are exceedingly fond of Rhine wines; they are put up in tall, slender bottles, and are considered a pleasant beverage. One tells them from vinegar by the label.

Mark Twain

Water, taken in moderation, never hurt anybody.

Mark Twain

Wines are an important part of the enjoyment of life.

Rudy Vallee

A meal without wine is a day without sunshine.

Louis Vaudable, owner of Maxim's, Paris

But above everything, drink wines with love. They are like women - different, mysterious, fickle. And each wine has to be taken like a woman. This always begins with a rejection, done gracefully or rudely according to the woman's disposition, and in the end she will grant herself only to someone, who aspires her soul as well as her body. She will belong to the one, who knows how to uncover her with the utmost delicacy.

L. Veronelli

Wines, like beautiful women, are different, mysterious and fickle. Every wine, like a woman, has to be conquered. It always begins by refusing, either politely or rudely according to its temperament, and it concedes only to him who aspires to its soul as well as its body. It will belong only to him who knows how to "discover" it with gentleness.

Luigi Veronelli. The Wines of Italy. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1964

A moderate use of wine is the best antidote against alcoholism.

Pierre Viala

Good Hock Hochheimer keeps off the Doc.

Queen Victoria

The world needs water. For every bottle of wine you drink, you contribute to conserving the drinking water reserve.

Paul Emil Victor

These traitorous thieves accursed and unfair,
the vintners that put water in our wine.

Francois Villon

The discovery of a good wine is increasingly better for mankind than the discovery of a new star.
Leonardo da Vinci

Vines love an open hill.
Virgil

The sparkling foam of this cool wine is a living image of the French people.
Voltaire

Wine is the divine juice of September.
Voltaire

Nothing would have been more tiresome than eating and drinking if God had not made them a pleasure as well as a necessity.
Voltaire

I do't have a drinking problem, except when I can't have a drink.
Tom Waits

I'd rather have a bottle in front of me, than a frontal lobotomy.
Tom Waits

We shouldn't loose sight of the fact that one of the benefits we are entitled to expect from a life that hasn't gone off the rails is the right to intoxicate ourselves, and to do so without being made to feel as though we were committing a transgressive act. This right, our biological inheritance, is as old as humanity itself.
Stuart Walton

My manner of living is plain and I do not mean to be put out of it. A glass of wine and a bit of mutton are always ready, and such as are content to partake of that are always ready, and such as are content to partake of that are always welcome. Those who expect more will be disappointed.
George Washington

We need not be intimidated by the wine snob because we know that, in the last analysis, he is only putting on a front. He may know more than we do, but how little he knows in comparison with what there is to know.
Alec Waugh

Most forms of snobbery are tiresome, though some can be amusing, and the wine snob is one of the most tiresome.

Alec Waugh

Wine, a hobby as fascinating and as human as one can find. One of the most fascinating aspects of the wine-hobby is the extent to which you learn all the time

Alec Waugh

Port is not for the very young, the vain and the active. It is the comfort of age and the companion of the scholar and the philosopher.

Evelyn Waugh

The First Duty of wine is to be Red...the second is to be a Burgundy.

Harry Waugh

Sweetness in wine may be compared to charity in human nature - it covers a multitude of sins

Alexander Webber

'Tis nature's law that wine should flow to wet the lips of friends.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

'Tis but the fool that loves excess.

Hast thou a drunken soul?

Thy bane is in thy hollow skaul,

Not in my silver bowl.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Wine, one of the noblest cordials in nature.

John Wesley

Alcohol, if taken in sufficient quantities, can give one the illusion of drunkenness.

Oscar Wilde

Work is the curse of the drinking classes.

Oscar Wilde

Give me a woman who loves beer and I will conquer the world.

Kaiser Wilhelm

Drink makes men hungry, and it makes them lie. *George Wilkins*

While beer brings gladness, don't forget,

That water only makes you wet.

Harry Leon Wilson

The proper tempo for wine drinking is leisurely. It is almost meditative. It aids in digestion, supplies needed vitamins and carbohydrates and suffuses the whole being with a warmth and friendliness not to be captured by any other means.

Richardson Wright

A people who drink wine, who prefer wine to spirits, are a temperate people.

Richardson Wright

Mounting taxes laid on wine drive the temperate man's beverage from his table.

Richardson Wright

He who drinks spirits wants to forget;
He who drinks wine wants to remember.

Richardson Wright

Drinking a little wine with meals dulls the edge of worry and banishes anger. Worry and anger cause more high blood pressure than the general run of doctors realized.

Richardson Wright

24 hours in a day, 24 beers in a case. Coincidence?

Stephen Wright

If white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with sushi?

Stephen Wright

When I read about the evils of drinking, I gave up reading.

Henny Youngman

The problem with some people is that when they aren't drunk, they're sober.

William Butler Yeats

Time is never wasted when you're wasted all the time.

Catherine Zandonella

You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline -- it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer.

Frank Zappa

