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The Best White Wines to Drink This Year

Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, white blends, and more.

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The new year, and the winter, have only just begun, so it might seem like it's not the right time to begin thinking about white wine. But the fact of the matter is that you can drink Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, and even Riesling all year long, even during the coldest months of the year.

There are many vintages from wine regions around the world to try this year, from the tried and true to something you may have never considered before. The flavor profile of white wine can vary from bright and crisp to something a bit more velvety and rich, making it ideal to pair with different foods throughout the year. Here are ten white wines we recommend drinking in 2020, including a dry California sparkling wine, a New Zealand take on Sauvignon Blanc, and several examples of the ever popular Chardonnay.



Chateau Montelena 2017 Potter Valley Riesling

According to Chateau Montelena winemaker Matt Crafton, even people who don't generally like sweet wine will enjoy this Riesling. He calls it "slightly off-dry," with bold flavors of honey, tropical fruit, and a soft mineral finish. Give this one a try and you just might be converted.