

# Tasting Healthier Wines

THEY DO EXIST, DON'T THEY?



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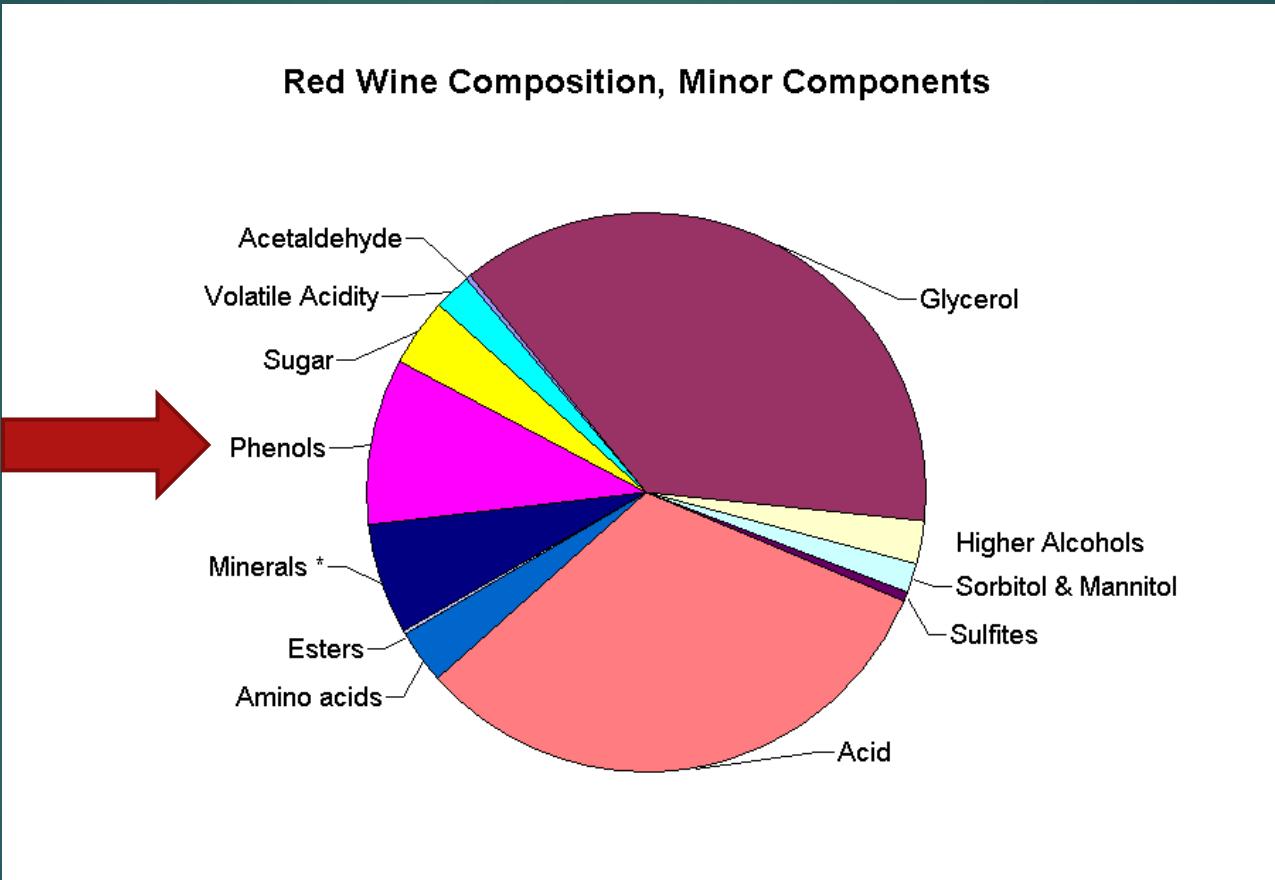
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Undiagnosed Middle-Age-Onset Discomfort  
Summer Tour T-shirt  
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# That Other 5%



# Basic Definitions



Macronutrients



Micronutrients



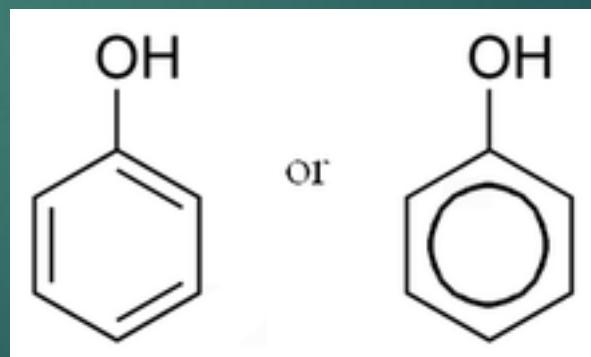
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# Definitions

- ▶ Cartoon: Bor—ing
- ▶ **Phytochemical**
  - ▶ Chemical produced by plants
- ▶ **Polyphenol**
  - ▶ Compound with > 1 phenol group
  - ▶ ‘Phenolics’

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# 3 Polyphenol Families

- ▶ **Flavonoids – 3 rings**

- ▶ 5,000 compounds
- ▶ 6 major subclasses
- ▶ Citrus, tea, chocolate

- ▶ **Non-flavonoids – 2 rings**

- ▶ **Stilbenes**

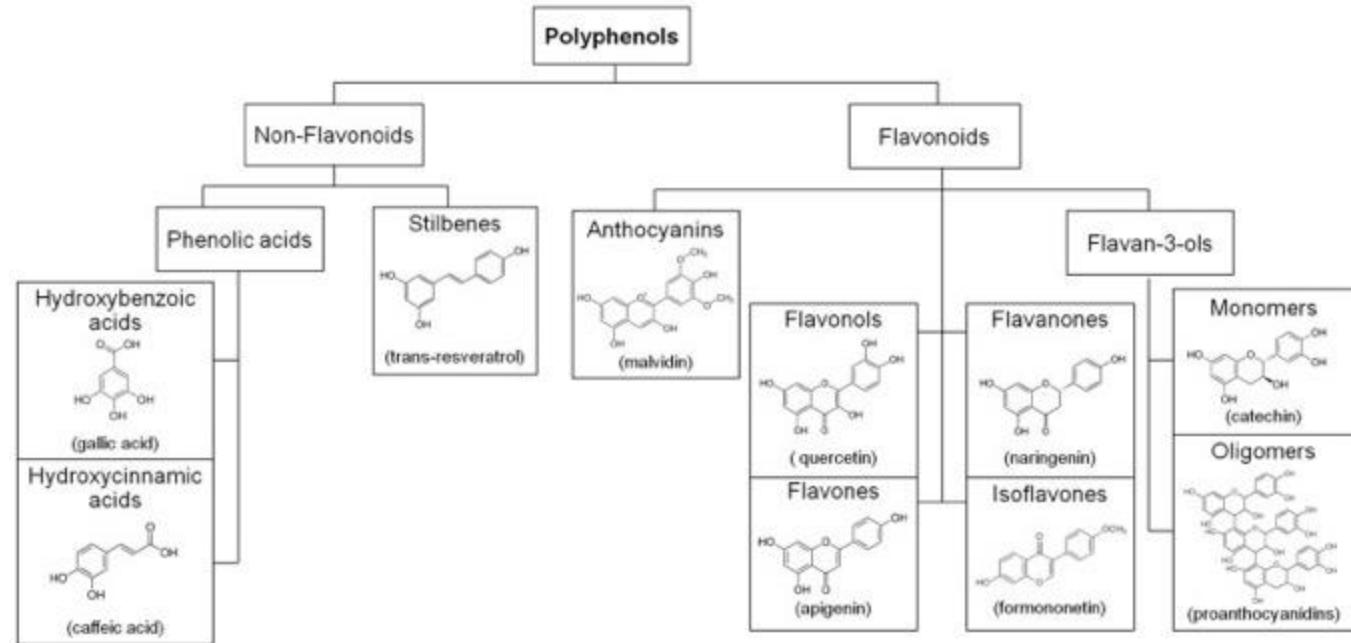
- Seeds, legumes, pomegranate

- ▶ **Phenolic acids – 1 ring**

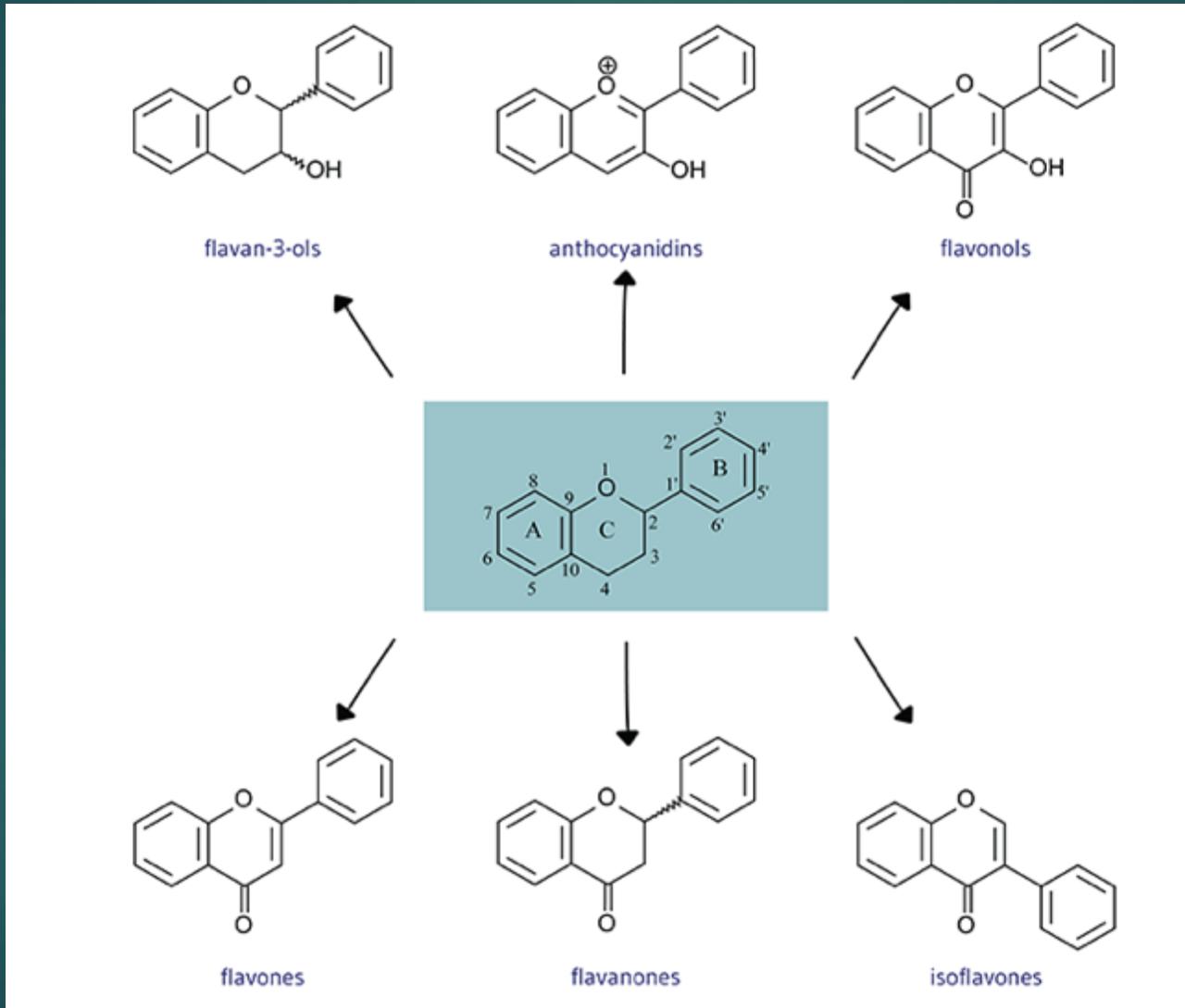
- Coffee, vinegar, strawberries

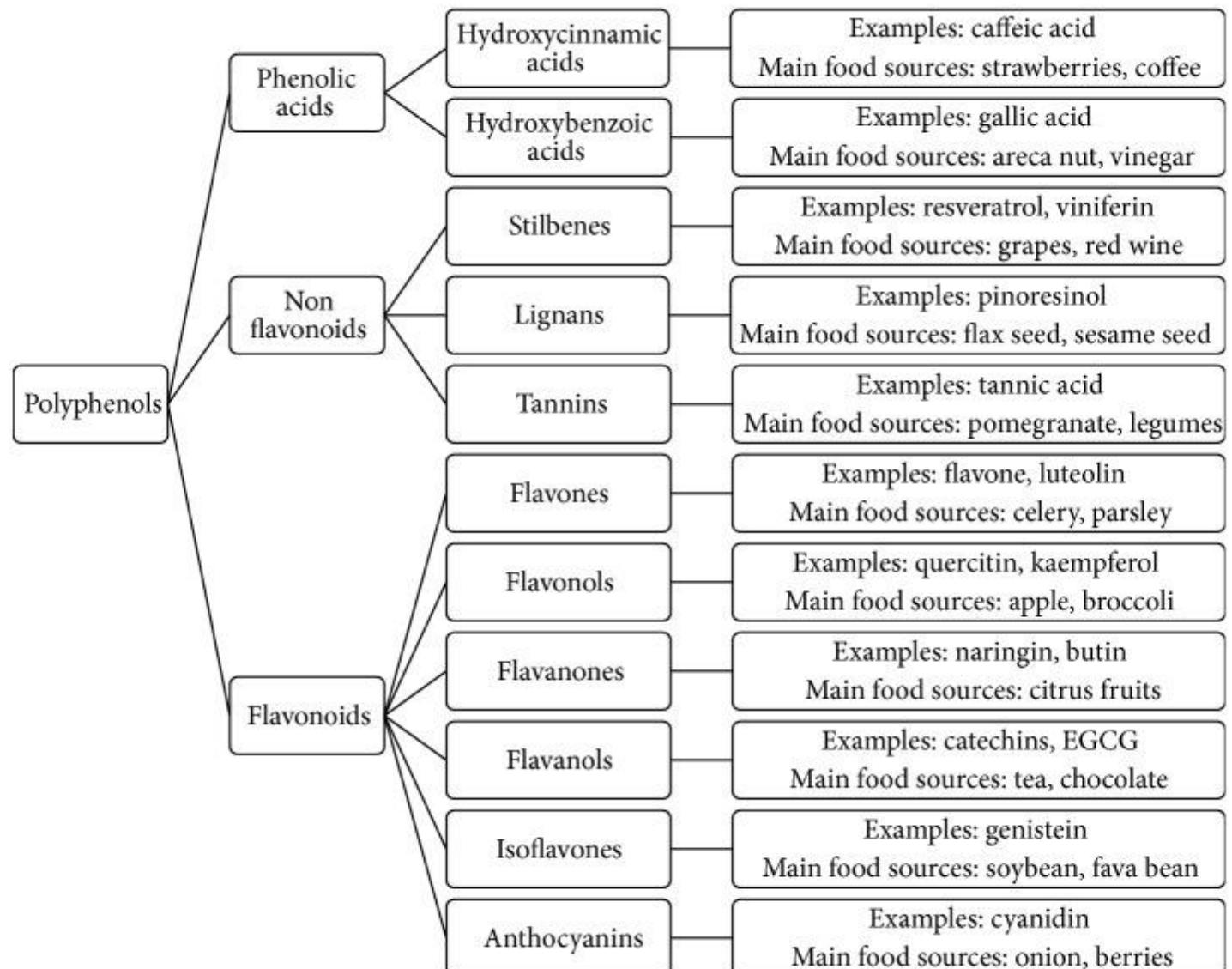
# Polyphenols

- ▶ Phenolics: antioxidant, anti-cancer, antimicrobial
- ▶ Stilbenes: antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, cardioprotective, anti-cancer, anti-diabetes
- ▶ Flavonoids: antioxidant, heart-protective, anticancer, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial



# Flavonoid Subclass Structures





# Real World Polyphenols

# Polyphenols = Terminators

- ▶ Defense chemicals
- ▶ Insects, animals, microbes
- ▶ UV radiation
- ▶ Nontoxic to humans
- ▶ Polyphenol content in wine
  - taste profile, organoleptic

# Influencers

- ▶ Threats
- ▶ Temperature
- ▶ Sun exposure
- ▶ Water stress
- ▶ Geology / soil
- ▶ Fertilizers
- ▶ Maceration
- ▶ Fermentation
- ▶ Aging / wood





# No-Arrow Zone

*Williamson G. Nutr Bull 2017;42, 226–235.*

A

B





## **Survey of the Free and Conjugated Myricetin and Quercetin Content of Red Wines of Different Geographical Origins**

Morag S. McDonald,<sup>†</sup> Mark Hughes,<sup>†</sup> Jennifer Burns,<sup>†</sup> Michael E. J. Lean,<sup>§</sup>  
David Matthews,<sup>‡</sup> and Alan Crozier<sup>\*†</sup>

## **Differences in the amount and structure of extractable skin and seed tannins amongst red grape varieties**

**F. MATTIVI, U. VRHOVSEK, D. MASUERO and D. TRAINOTTI**

## **Antioxidant Capacities and Phenolics Levels of French Wines from Different Varieties and Vintages**

Nicolas Landrault,<sup>†</sup> Patrick Poucheret,<sup>‡</sup> Patrice Ravel,<sup>§</sup> Francis Gasc,<sup>†</sup> Gérard Cros,<sup>‡</sup> and  
Pierre-Louis Teissedre<sup>\*†</sup>

## **Flavonol composition of Australian red and white wines determined by high-performance liquid chromatography**

**D.W. JEFFERY, M. PARKER and P.A. SMITH**

# A Global Survey of Trans-Resveratrol Concentrations in Commercial Wines

DAVID M. GOLDBERG<sup>1\*</sup>, JOE YAN<sup>2</sup>, ERIC NG<sup>2</sup>, ELEFTHERIOS P. DIAMANDIS<sup>1,3</sup>,  
ALEX KARUMANCHIRI<sup>2</sup>, GEORGE SOLEAS<sup>4</sup>, and ANDREW L. WATERHOUSE<sup>5</sup>

Phenolic composition and magnitude of copigmentation in young  
and shortly aged red wines made from the cultivars, Cabernet  
Sauvignon, Cencibel, and Syrah

Isidro Hermosín Gutiérrez <sup>a,\*</sup>, Eva Sánchez-Palomo Lorenzo <sup>b</sup>,  
Almudena Vicario Espinosa <sup>b</sup>

Characterisation and evolution of grape polyphenol profiles of  
*Vitis vinifera* L. cv. Tannat during ripening and vinification

E. BOIDO<sup>1</sup>, M. GARCÍA-MARINO<sup>2</sup>, E. DELLACASSA<sup>3</sup>, F. CARRAU<sup>1</sup>, J.C. RIVAS-GONZALO<sup>2</sup> and  
M.T. ESCRIBANO-BAILÓN<sup>2</sup>

Variation in Condensed Tannin Content, Composition and Polymer  
Length Distribution in the Skin of 36 Grape Cultivars

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# Do Not Underestimate The Force

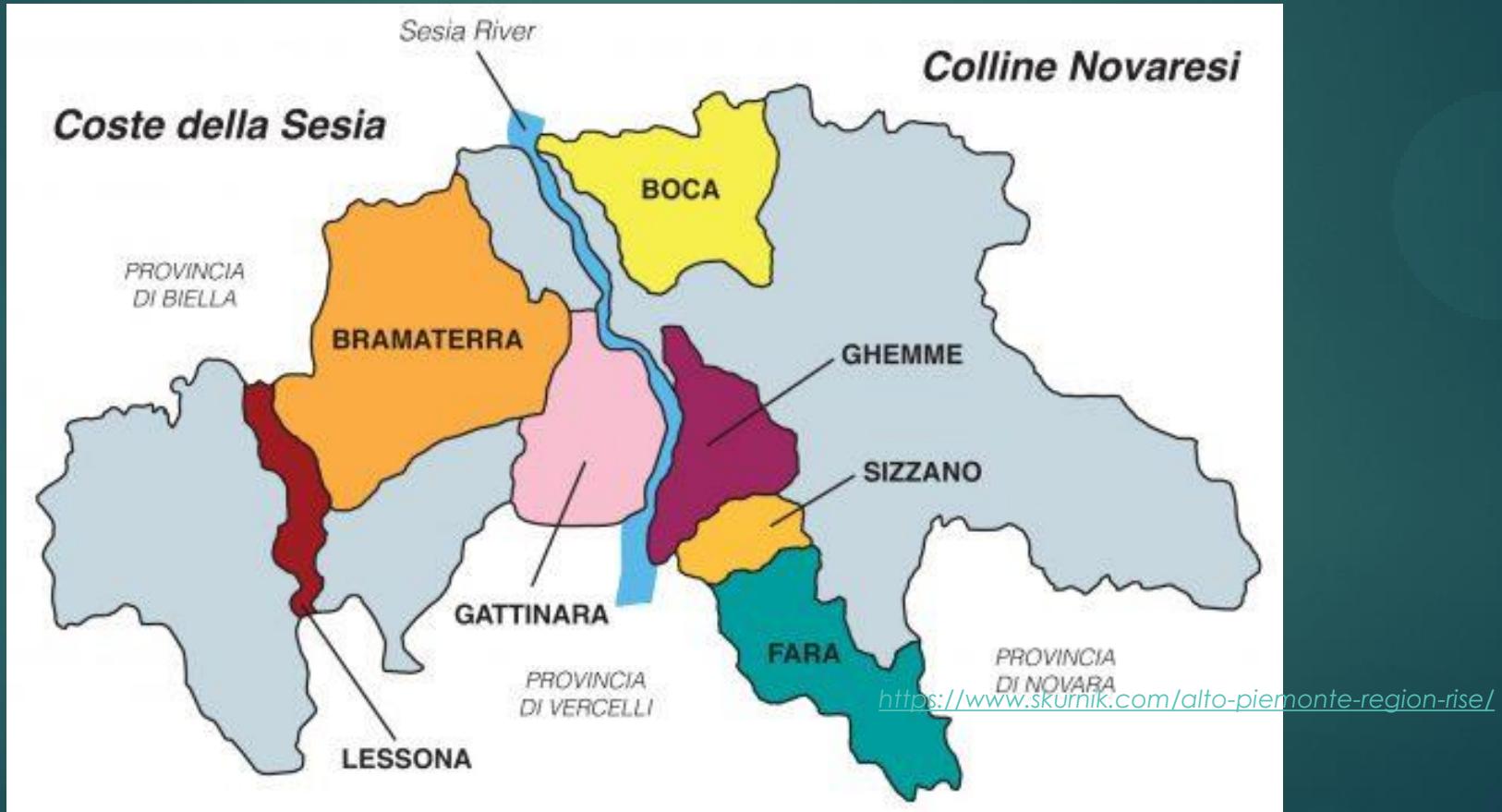


# Mazzoni, Nebbiolo “Del Monterelegio”, Colline Novaresi (Piemonte), DOC 2016



- ▶ 100% Nebbiolo
- ▶ DOC 1994
- ▶ Volcanic; gravel, clay, sand
- ▶ Practicing organic
- ▶ 500 L tonneaux (used) X 1 yr
- ▶ 13% ABV
- ▶ > 2020 drinking window

# Alto Piemonte





## MAZZONI, COLLINE NOVARESI NEBBIOLÒ “DEL MONTEREGIO”

PIEDMONT, ITALY 2016

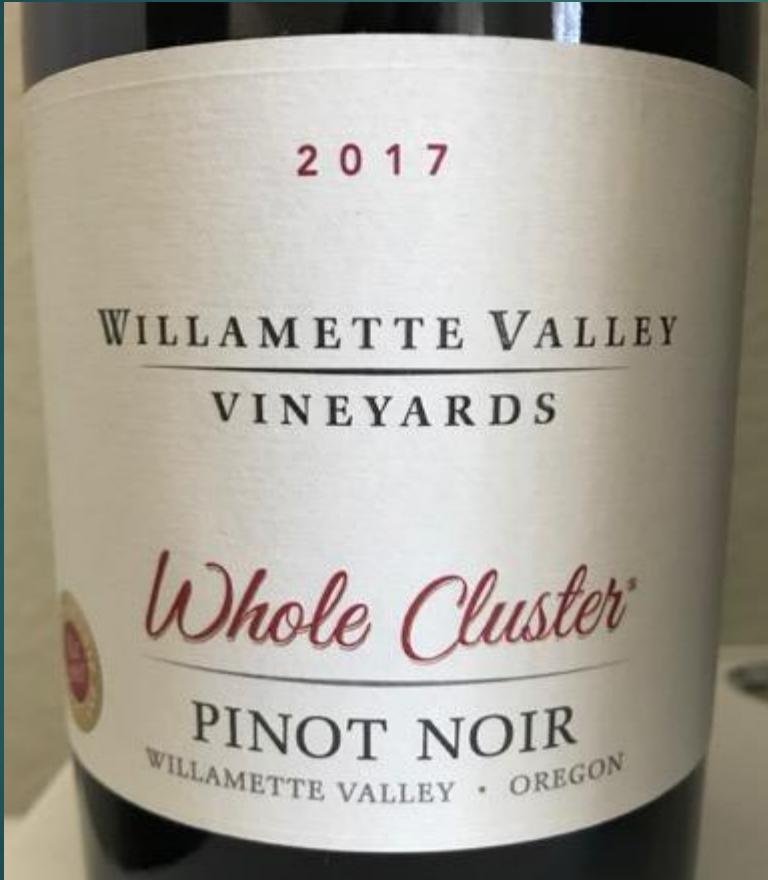


364-day, all-occasion Nebbiolo

Gentle lift of happy, aromatic ‘Alto Piemonte’ (Ghemme hills)

Gattinara, Lessona, Boca, Bramaterra, Fara, Sizzano (Alps)

# Willamette Valley Vineyards, Whole Cluster Pinot Noir, Willamette Valley, Oregon 2017

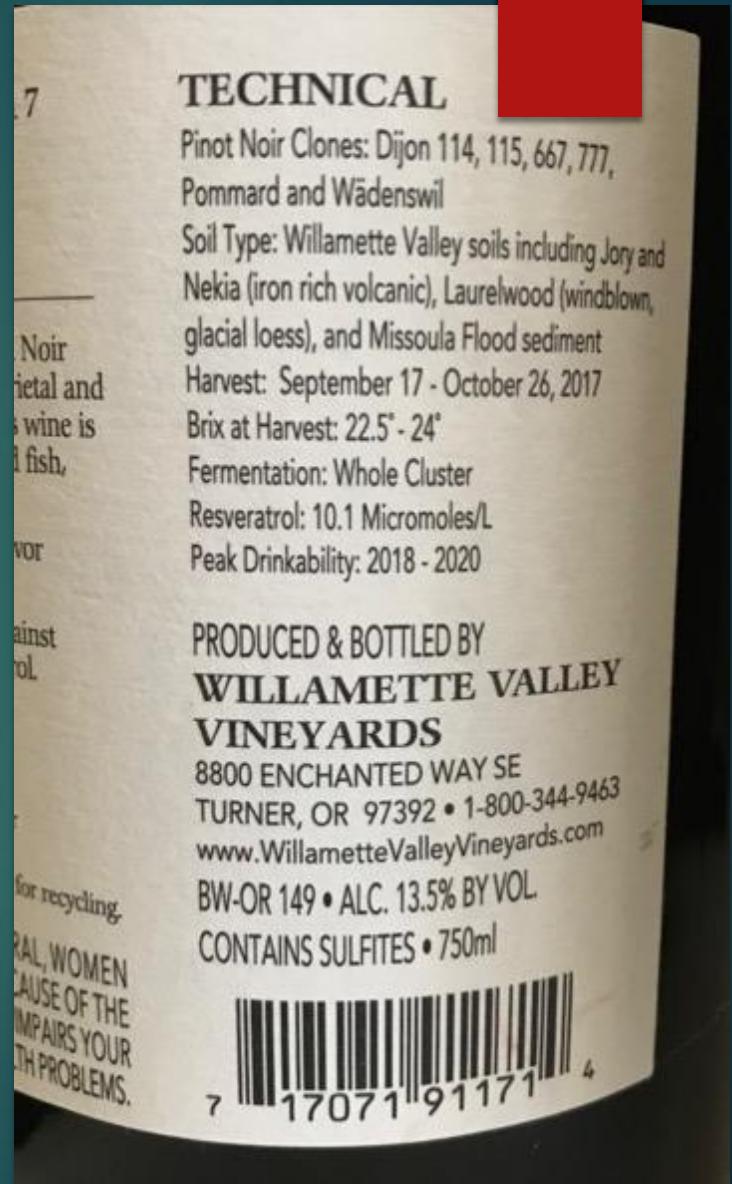
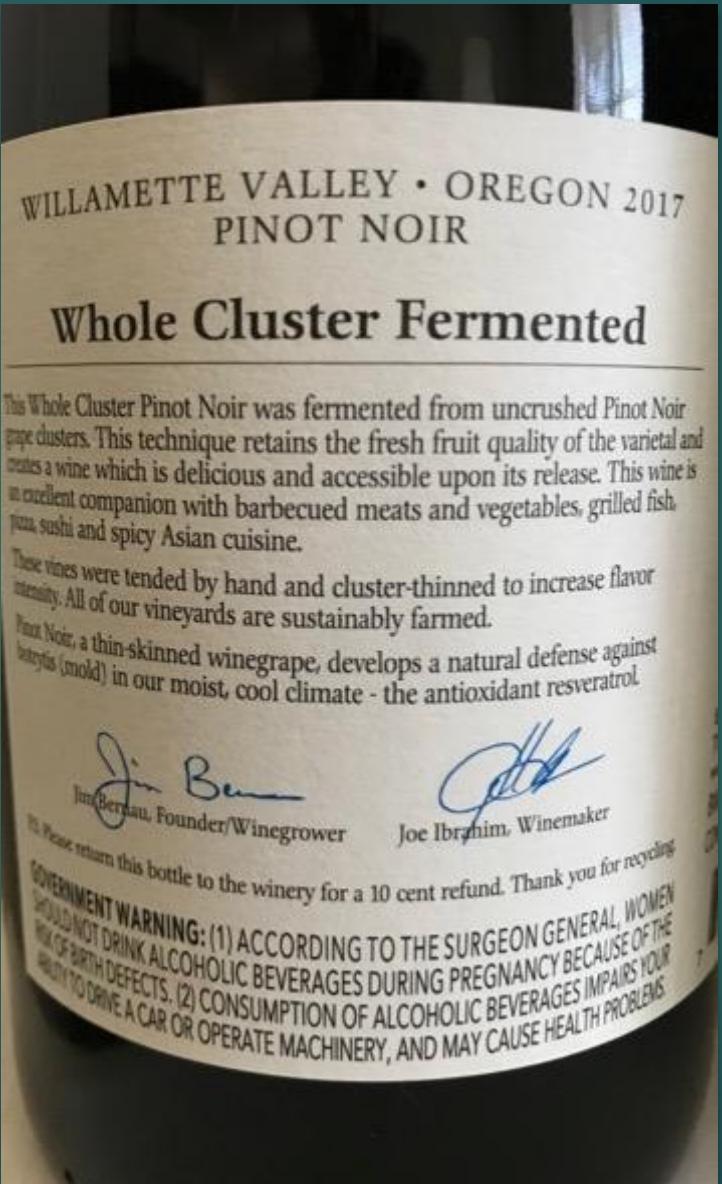


- ▶ Pinot Noir, Clone 114, 115, 667, 777, Pommard and Wädenswil
- ▶ Jory and Nekia (iron rich volcanic), Nekia, Laurelwood (wind blown, glacial loess) including Pisolites and Missoula Flood sediment
- ▶ 13.5% ABV
- ▶ Carbonic maceration
- ▶ Whole cluster fermentation in stainless steel tanks, 7–10 days
- ▶ 55,000 cases
- ▶ Peak drinkability 2018 - 2022

Resveratrol =  
10.1  
micromoles / L

- ▶ TTB 2002
- ▶ Whole cluster > highest
- ▶ Whites ~  $\frac{1}{4}$  of reds
- ▶ ~ 0.1 to 2.6 mg/L\*
- ▶ clinicaltrials.gov : 123

\* Romanian wines, 2014



# Resveratrol in Action

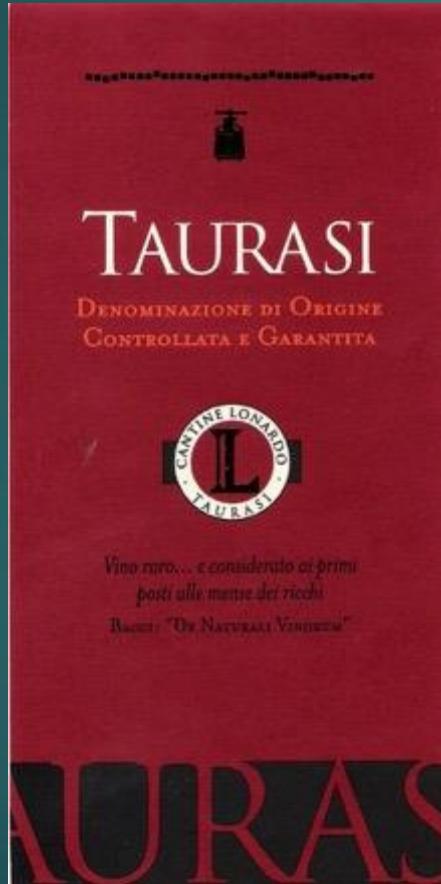
- ▶ Dose, matrix, size, biome, time of day
- ▶ ≥ 1 g / day
- ▶ antioxidant, neuro inflammation
- ▶ diabetes, heart/lining, inflammation

Den Hartogh DJ and Tsiani D. Nutrients 2019, 11, 1624.



# Cantine Lonardo Taurasi DOCG

## Aglianico, Campania, Italy 2012



- ▶ 100% Aglianico
- ▶ 1,200 feet / 400 meters
- ▶ Limestone & volcanic marls
- ▶ ~ 1 month maceration
- ▶ 20–50 year-old vines
- ▶ Aging:
  - ▶ 18 mos used tonneau
  - ▶ 6 mos stainless steel
  - ▶ 12 mos bottle



# AGLIANICO

## DOMINANT FLAVORS



## COLOR / TASTE PROFILE



## REGIONS



25,000

ACRES

-  
10,100  
HECTARES

# 'Barolo of the South'

- ▶ Taurasi DOCG 1993
- ▶ Etruscan, Hellenic or native?
- ▶ Roman Empire
- ▶ 3 biotypes: Taurasi, Taburno, del Vulture
- ▶ Thick skinned, slow ripener
- ▶ US 1988 (Paso Robles, Caparone)
- ▶ Floral, firm, mineral, acid, tannin, depth of flavor, smoky, spicy
- ▶ 'Wine railroad' to the North

# Bolivia

- ▶ Potosí: 1630 > London
- ▶ 1930s: French, Singani
- ▶ 1960s: Argentine tech
- ▶ 1999: First Tannat, Tarija

# Elbow of The Andes



- ▶ Landlocked
- ▶ World's highest altitude vines
- ▶ Latitude: 17° – 22° South
- ▶ ~ 3X Montana, ~ 11 million people
- ▶ Winemaking x 400 years
- ▶ Singani, Muscat de Alexandria

The New York Times

# Santa Cruz Valleys



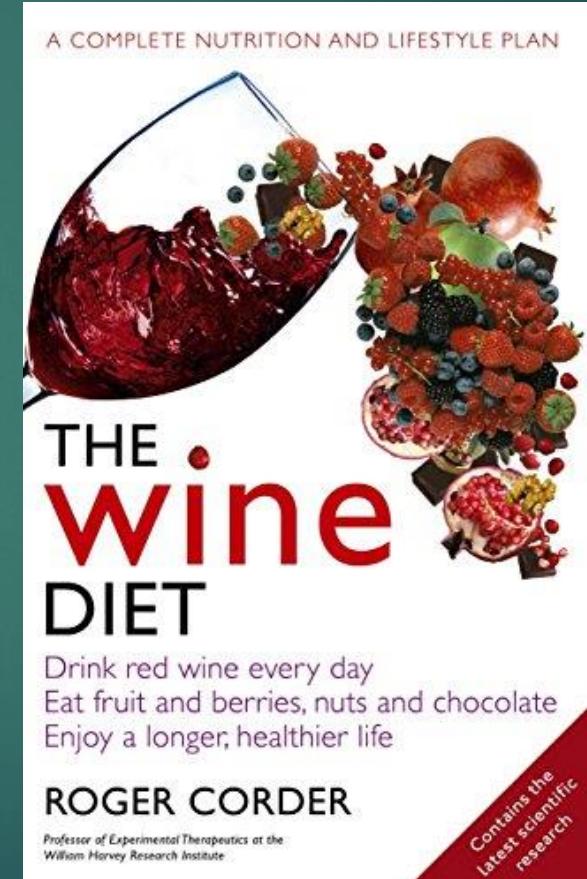
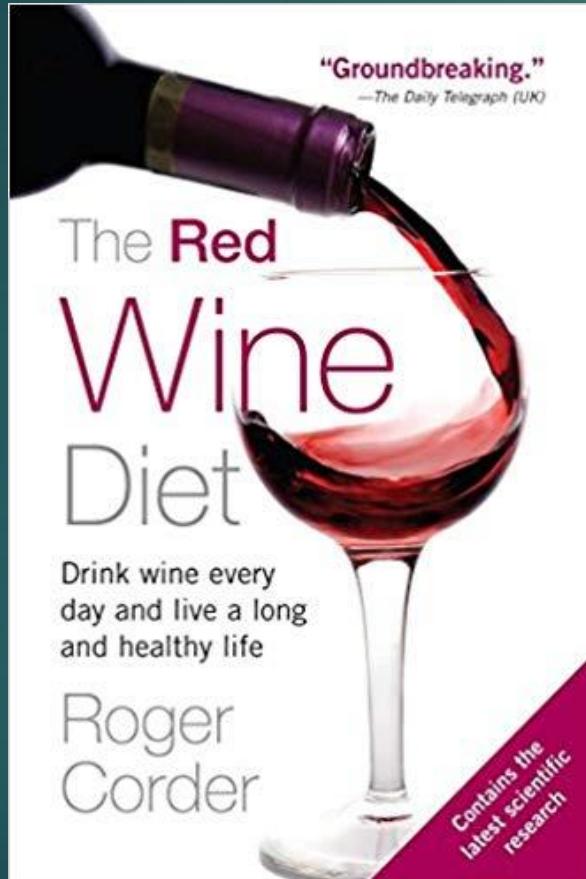
- ▶ 1600 – 2300 meters (4800 – 6900')
- ▶ 300 hectares (80K capacity)
- ▶ ~ 24" annual rainfall
- ▶ 18° – 19° latitude south
- ▶ Samaipata, Uvairenda: quality wines

# Vinos1750, Bodega Uvairenda Samaipata, Bolivia 2016

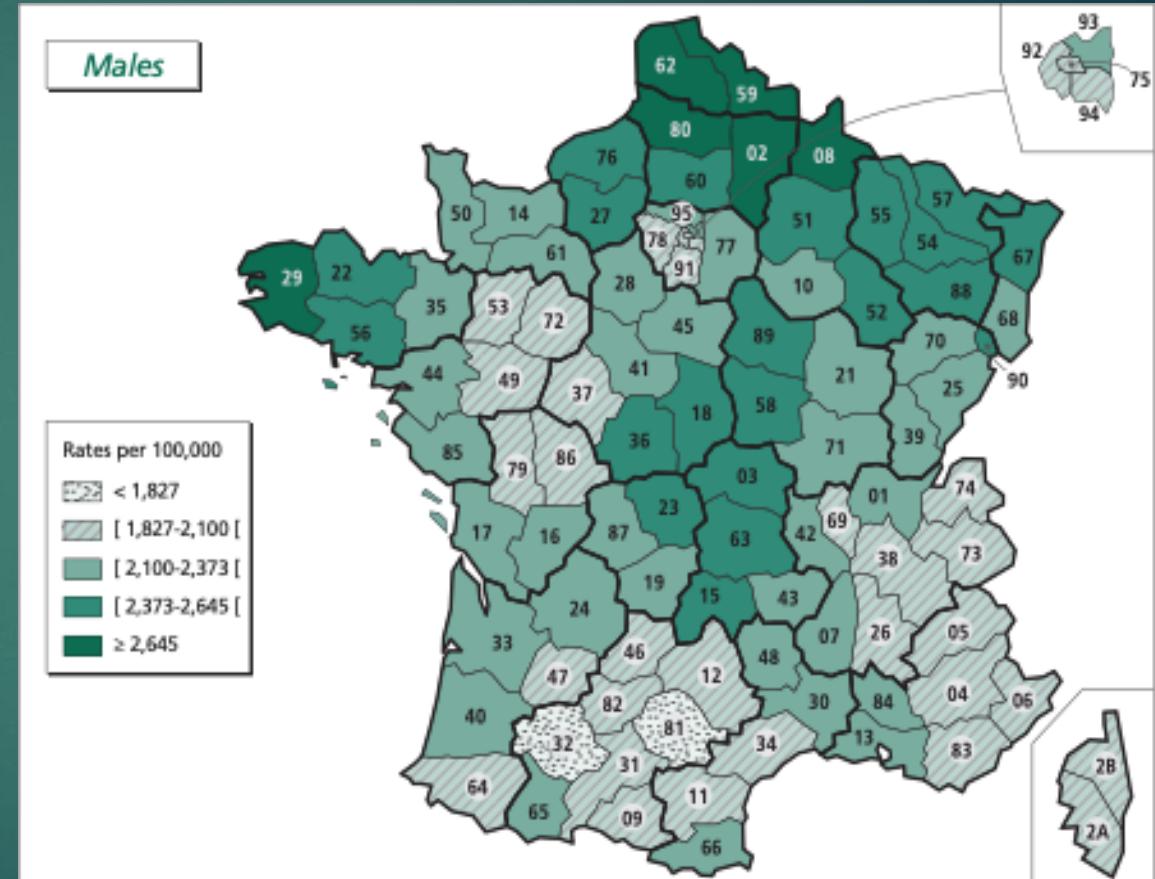
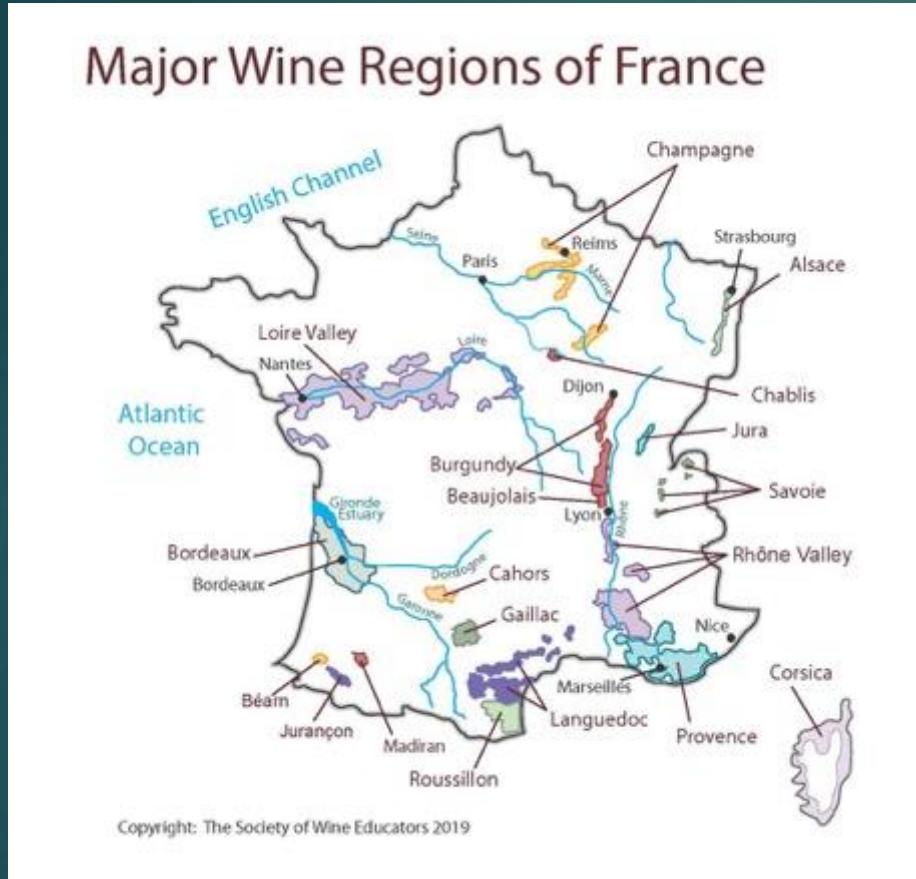


- ▶ Guarani native artwork
- ▶ 5741 – 6890 feet
- ▶ 100% Tannat
- ▶ Sandstone, schist
- ▶ SS fermentation, no oak
- ▶ 14%
- ▶ WM: Francisco Roig

# Roger Corder: Procyano<sup>d</sup>in Man

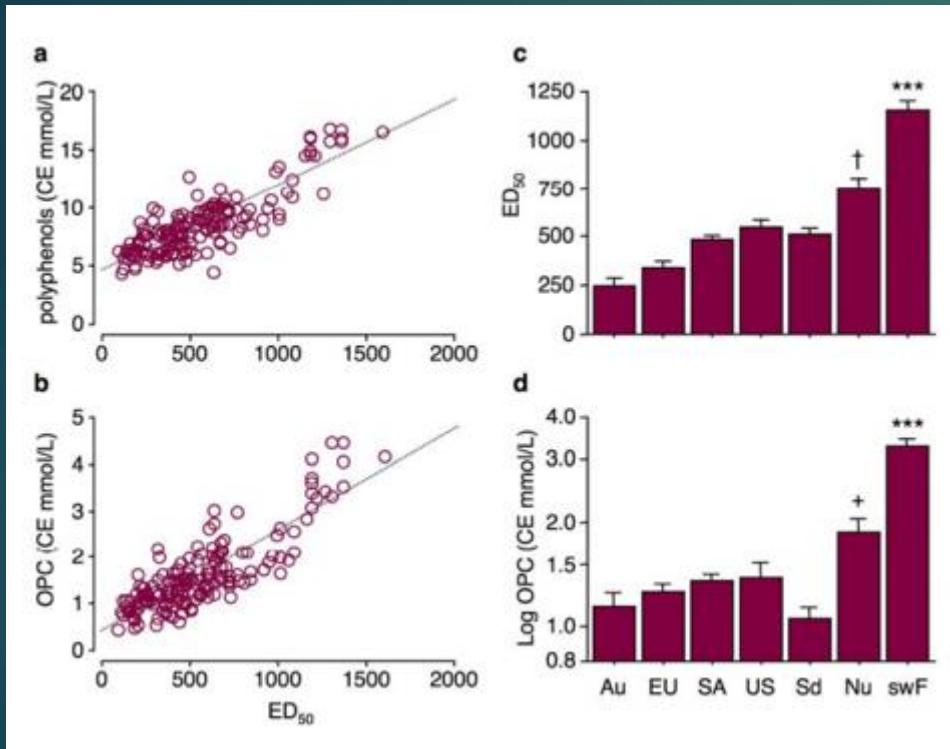


# Longevity & Endothelium



Source: INSEE in Barbieri M. Mortality in France by Département. Population-E. 2013;68(3):375-418.

# Terroir of Longevity



- ▶ OPC: oligomeric procyanoanidins
- ▶ Endothelin-1
- ▶ Pips (seeds) main source
- ▶ 3+ wks ferment + maceration
- ▶ Nuoro & Gers wines: 2–4 X biologic activity and OPC content

# Tannat

- ▶ SW France (Gers, Madiran)
- ▶ Richest tannin content
- ▶ Pips, skins: tannins; skins: anthocyanins
- ▶ High phenols, polyphenols
- ▶ Resveratrol > PN, Merlot, Cabernet
- ▶ Genes → enzymes → tannins

[naturalmerchants.com/organicwines/varietals/organic-tannat/](http://naturalmerchants.com/organicwines/varietals/organic-tannat/)



polyphenols

# Polyphenol-Rich Grapes

## High Tannins

- ▶ Tannat
- ▶ Sagrantino
- ▶ Malbec
- ▶ Aglianico
- ▶ Petite Sirah
- ▶ Cabernet Sauvignon

## High Anthocyanins

- ▶ Tannat
- ▶ Alicante Bouschet
- ▶ Souzao
- ▶ Petite Sirah



# Anthocyanin & Tannin Extraction



- ▶ Pectolytic enzymes
- ▶ ↑ fermentation temperature
- ▶ Thermovinification (flash détente)
- ▶ Saignée
- ▶ ↑ frequency, duration of punch-downs
- ▶ Extended maceration
- ▶ Must freezing (cryo-maceration, CM)

# Texas Wine Country

- ▶ Texas High Plains AVA, 1993
- ▶ Amarillo, Lubbock +
- ▶ 33.5° N, 102.1° W
- ▶ 4,000 acres
- ▶ Elevation 3,500 feet
- ▶ 85% of TX wine grapes
- ▶ Semi-arid, 17-21" rainfall
- ▶ Sedimentary, eolian: sandy, loam

# Bending Branch Winery Tannat CM Newsom Vineyard, Texas High Plains 2014



- ▶ Cryo-maceration
- ▶ American oak, 36+ months
- ▶ 14.2%
- ▶ 94 cases
- ▶ Robert W Young, MD, winemaker

# Flash Détente



- ▶ Thermoflash, flash release
- ▶ 1990s, south of France
- ▶ Must rapidly heated 185°F / 85°C
- ▶ Vacuum chamber > cooling
- ▶ Color, tannin extraction
- ▶ Skins & vacuoles > seeds
- ▶ Release aromatics
- ▶ Removes 'air-oir', laccase, pyrazines

# Quality Outcomes – Flash

- ▶ ↑ Anthocyanin, tannin extraction (~ 20 – 50%)
- ▶ ↑ Fruit flavor expression
- ▶ ↓ Undesirable aromatics, flavors
- ▶ ↑ Brix (~ 1–5%)
- ▶ Fruit rescue (under-ripe, rot)
  
- ▶ ? Dampen varietal character

# Grape Phenolic Extraction

## CRYO-MACERATION

- ▶ Skins and seeds
- ▶ Tannins > Anthocyanins

## THERMOVINIFICATION

- ▶ Skins primarily
- ▶ Anthocyanins > Tannins

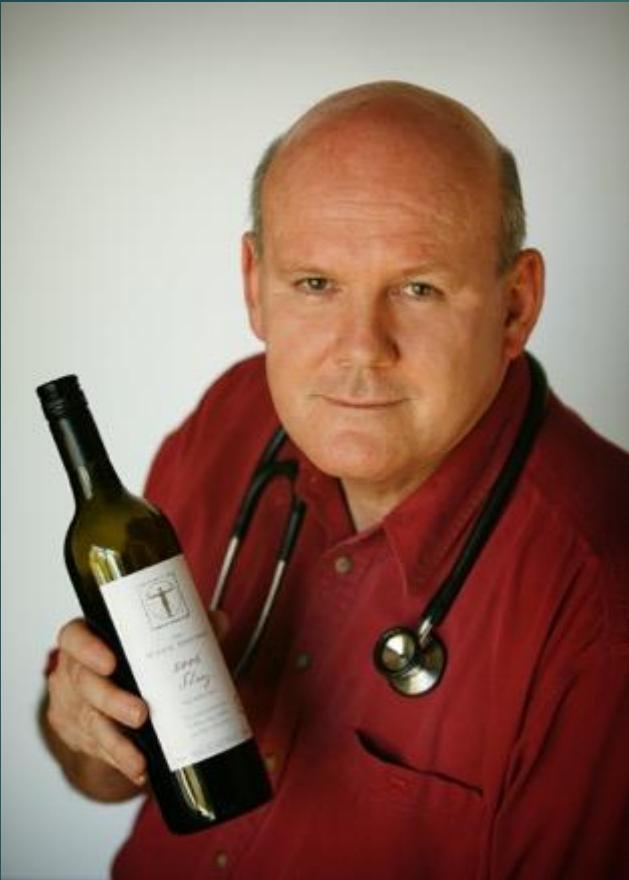
# The Wine Doctor Shiraz Barossa Valley, 2016



- ▶ 100 mg / L resveratrol
- ▶ Philip Norrie, MD
- ▶ "World's healthiest wine"
- ▶ 2006, patent 2008
- ▶ 14%

# Helps you die young, as late as possible

– Dr. Philip Norrie



- ▶ Australia's Wine Doctors, 1986
- ▶ 2006 Shiraz, 2008 Chardonnay
- ▶ ResElixir 30 ml bottles
- ▶ Maroon Wines, Napa
- ▶ Charities Ethiopia, Australia

# Wherfore Resveratrol?

Beyond Earth

## An antioxidant in red wine might power astronauts on Mars, study says



By **Ashley Strickland**, CNN

⌚ Updated 12:02 AM ET, Thu July 18, 2019

# Trinchero Forte Red Wine Napa Valley 2014



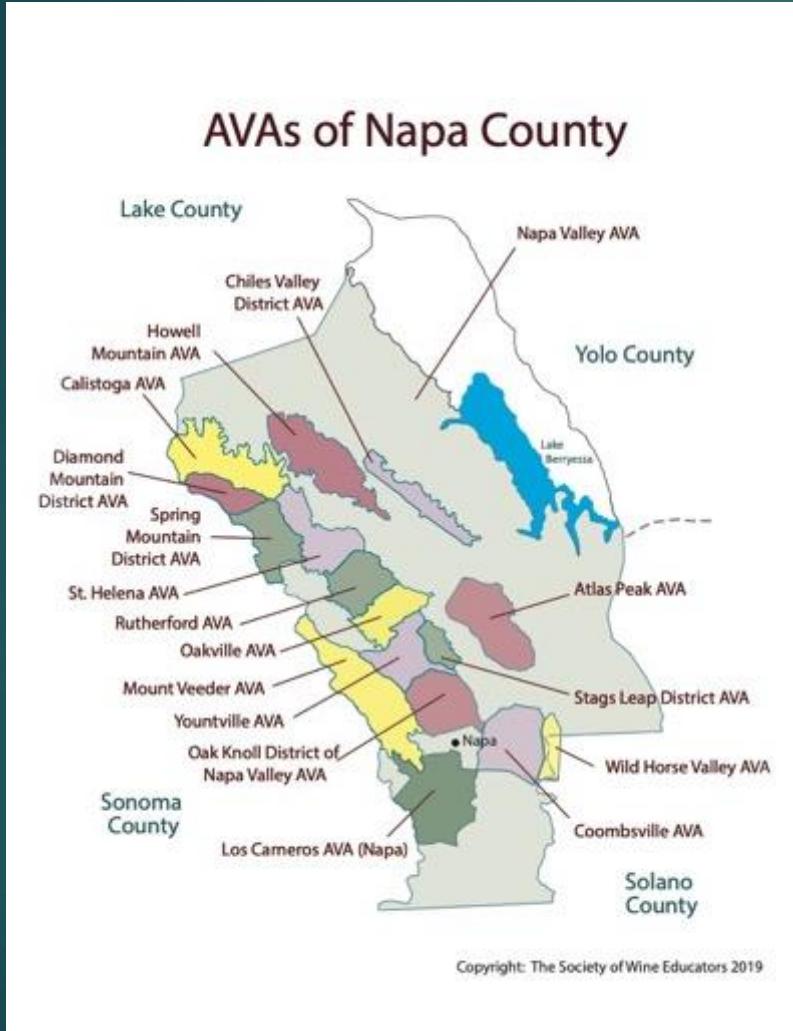
- ▶ Mostly Malbec
- ▶ Rest = PV, CF, PS
- ▶ Atlas Peak (Haystack Vyd)
- ▶ ~ 1,500', Vaca Mtns
- ▶ Volcanic, porous > acidity
- ▶ Cloud's Nest Vyd (Mt. Veeder)
- ▶ Napa–Sonoma boundary, 2,700'
- ▶ 14.9%

# Trinchero Cloud's Nest Petit Verdot Mt. Veeder, Napa Valley 2014



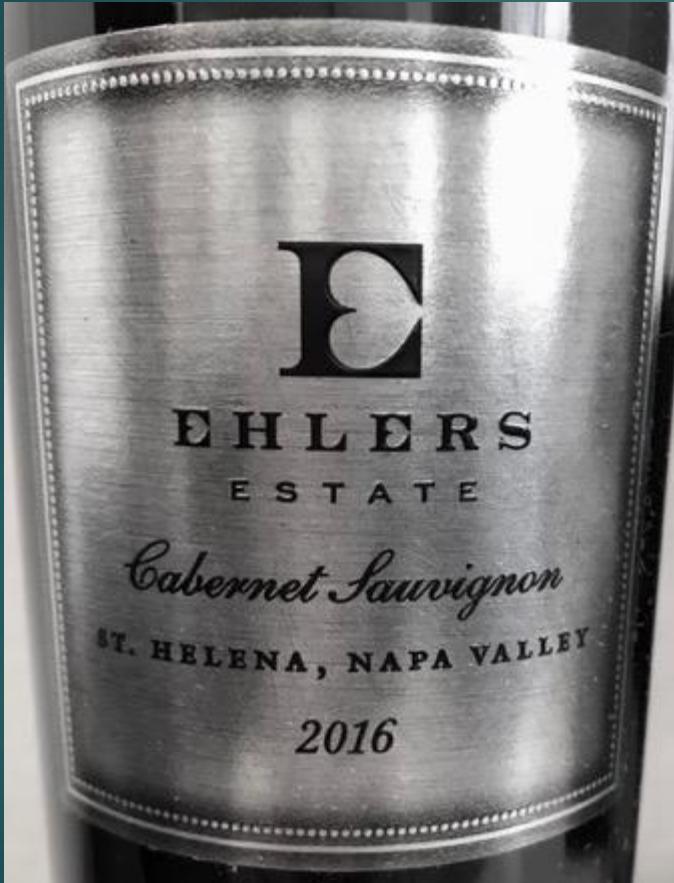
- ▶ 100% Petit Verdot
- ▶ Mt. Veeder, Mayacamas
- ▶ Gravelly sandstone & shale
- ▶ Cool, eastern exposure
- ▶ 20 months, 100% French oak
- ▶ 14.6%

# That Mountain Thang



- ▶ Low night temps → anthocyanins
- ▶ Elevation, UV → anthocyanins
- ▶ Water stress → anthocyanins, PAs
- ▶ Temps  $> 25^{\circ}\text{C} / 77^{\circ}\text{F}$  → max poly
- ▶ Small berries, thicker skins
- ▶ Low-level nutrients, minerals → anthocyanins & phenolics

# Ehlers Estate Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena, Napa Valley 2016



- ▶ 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot
- ▶ 2008: Certified Organic (CCOF)
- ▶ Contiguous 42-acre estate vyd
- ▶ Napa's narrowest point
- ▶ WM Laura Díaz Muñoz
- ▶ Near-perfect vintage
- ▶ Loamy bench soils
- ▶ 14.5%
- ▶ 1,800 cases

# History



- ▶ Bernard Ehlers, 1880s
- ▶ 1990s Jean and Sylviane Leducq
- ▶ 1995 replantings, enologist Jacques Boissenot
- ▶ Bordeaux varietals (CS, CF, Merlot, PV, SB)
- ▶ 1996: Leducq Foundation



Blue  
Wine?



# Alcohol Consumption in Later Life and Mortality in the United States: Results from 9 Waves of the Health and Retirement Study

Katherine M. Keyes , Esteban Calvo, Katherine A. Ornstein, Caroline Rutherford, Matthew P. Fox, Ursula M. Staudinger, and Linda P. Fried

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**Background:** Alcohol consumption in later life has increased in the past decade, and the relationship between alcohol consumption and mortality is controversial. Recent studies suggest little, if any, health benefit to alcohol. Yet most rely on single-time point consumption assessments and minimal confounder adjustments.

**Methods:** We report on 16 years of follow-up from the Health and Retirement Study (HRS) cohorts born 1931 to 1941 ( $N = 7,904$ , baseline mean age = 61, SD = 3.18). Respondents were queried about drinking frequency/quantity. Mortality was established via exit interviews and confirmed with the national death index. Time-varying confounders included but were not limited to household assets, smoking, body mass index, health/functioning, depression, chronic disease; time-invariant confounders included baseline age, education, sex, and race.

**Results:** After adjustment, current abstainers had the highest risk of subsequent mortality, consistent with sick quitters, and moderate (men: HR = 0.74, 95% CI: 0.60 to 0.91; women: HR = 0.82, 95% CI: 0.63 to 1.07) drinking was associated with a lower mortality rate compared with occasional drinking, though smokers and men evidenced less of an inverse association. Quantitative bias analyses indicated that omitted confounders would need to be associated with ~4-fold increases in mortality rates for men and ~9-fold increases for women to change the results.

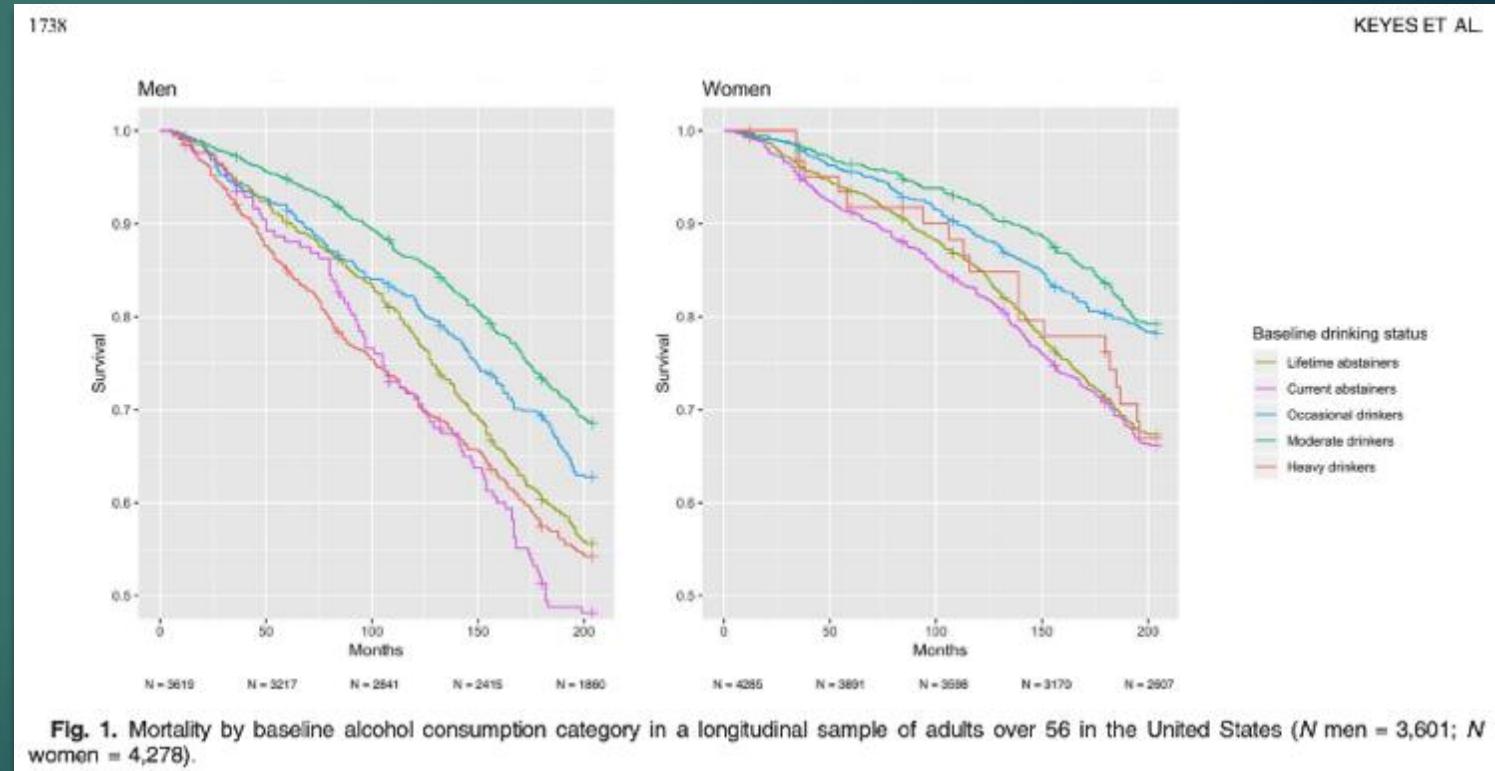
**Conclusions:** There are consistent associations between moderate/occasional drinking and lower mortality, though residual confounding remains a threat to validity. Continued efforts to conduct large-scale observational studies of alcohol consumption and mortality are needed to characterize the changing patterns of consumption in older age.

**Key Words:** Alcohol Consumption, Older Adults, Health and Retirement Study, Mortality, Moderate Drinking.

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# Alcohol & Mortality

- ▶ 8,000 US adults > 56, ~ 15 yrs
- ▶ Time & other confounders
- ▶ Smokers, M < nonsmokers, F
- ▶ Risk varies for some



Keyes KM et al. Alc Clin Exp Res, Vol 43, Issue 8, August 2019, 1734-1746.

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**NEWS RELEASE**

# One in 10 Older Adults Currently Binge Drinks

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**Jul 31, 2019**

Modified Jul 31, 2019

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## Men, Cannabis Users More Likely to Engage in This Risky Behavior

More than a tenth of adults age 65 and older currently binge drink, putting them at risk for a range of health problems, according to a study by researchers at NYU School of Medicine and the [Center for Drug Use and HIV/HCV Research \(CDUHR\)](#) at NYU College of Global Public Health.

The study, [published in the \*Journal of the American Geriatrics Society\*](#), also finds certain

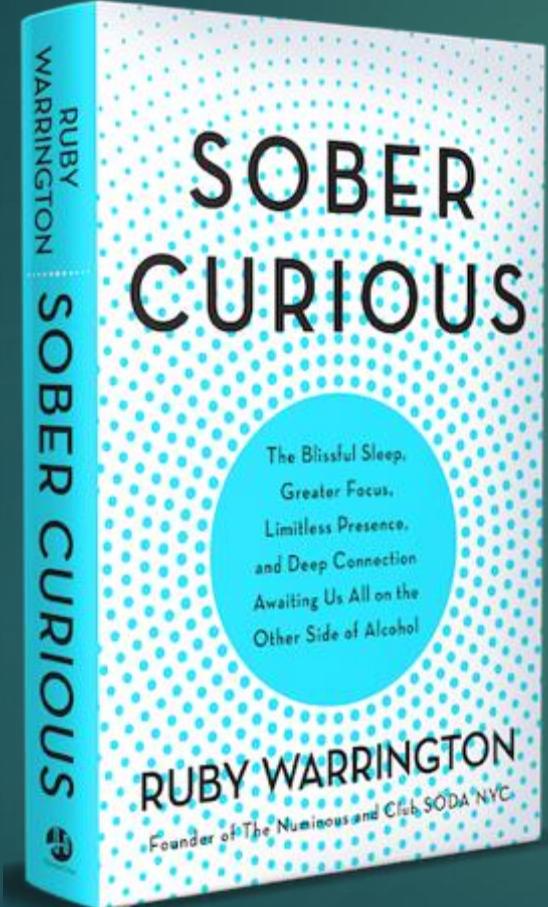


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# Moderation: In the Eye of the Beholder?



# Sober Curious



- ▶ "Mindful drinking"
- ▶ 'Temporary temperance'
- ▶ Hip sobriety, the New Black
- ▶ #soberissexxy
- ▶ 12-step alternatives
- ▶ Nonalcoholic beverages

Want to live longer? Drink alcohol, new study says  
– USA Today, July 13, 2019

**Want to live longer? Drink alcohol,**

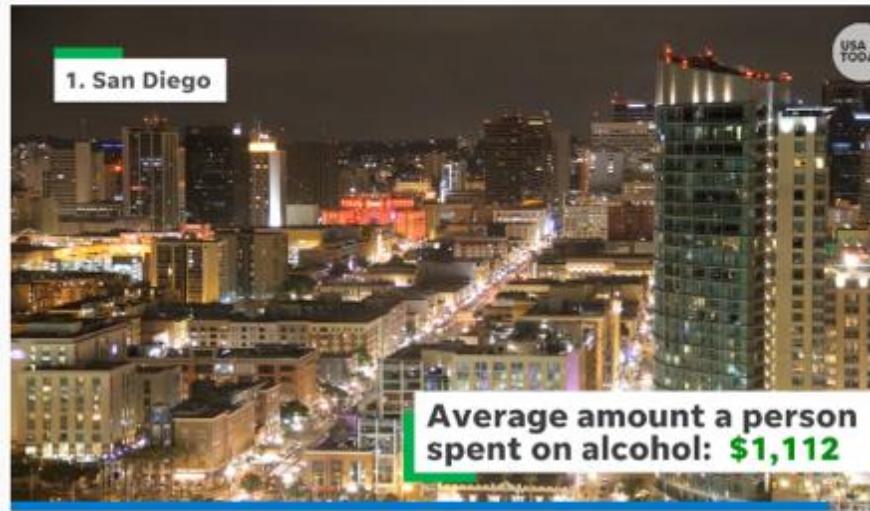
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But what American cities are spending the most on alcohol?

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1. San Diego

Average amount a person spent on alcohol: \$1,112

Video source: JAMA



# Synergy, Baby

Ellagic acid  
Piceid  
Proanthocyanins  
Anthocyanins  
Catechins  
Melatonin  
Hydroxytyrosol  
Caffeic acid  
Resveratrol  
Quercetin

# 5 Healthy Habits = 10+ Years

A word cloud graphic on a dark red background. The words are in white and light green, including: chocolate, cherries, soy, grapes, mango, grapefruit, GREENS, onions, guava, apricots, kiwi, mustard, nuts, lemon, vegetables, tea, lentils, berries, plums, apples, and oranges.



- ▶ No smoking
- ▶ Healthy weight
- ▶ Physical activity
- ▶ Quality diet
- ▶ Moderate alcohol

# Mediterranean Drinking Pattern

- ▶ Meals, slowly
- ▶ Small amounts
- ▶ Other beverages
- ▶ Food rules
- ▶ Connection
- ▶ 1–2 non-drinking days / week

# Food as Medicine



- ▶ Plant-based > meat
- ▶ Nuts, legumes, whole grains
- ▶ Olive oil rules
- ▶ Portion control
- ▶ Sharing and joy
- ▶ Alcohol in moderation



THE  
WINE DOCTOR

# SOMM

## SELECT

TRINCHERO

*Family Estates*



# Wines & Websites

Mazzoni, Colline Novaresi Nebbiolo Del Monteregeo, Piemonte, Italy, 2016

[www.northberkeleyimports.com/wordpress/project/azienda-agricola-tiziano-mazzoni/](http://www.northberkeleyimports.com/wordpress/project/azienda-agricola-tiziano-mazzoni/)

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Cantine Lonardo Taurasi Aglianico 2012

[www.polanerselections.com](http://www.polanerselections.com)

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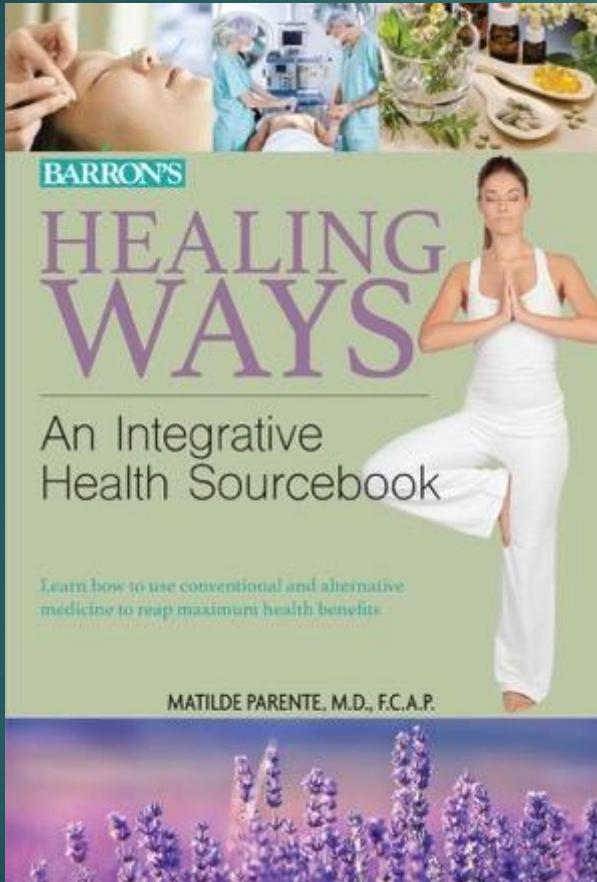
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  - ▶ [www.tfewines.com](http://www.tfewines.com)
- ▶ Ehlers Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa Valley 2016
  - ▶ [www.ehlersestate.com](http://www.ehlersestate.com)

“Whether wine is a nourishment, medicine or poison is a matter of dosage.”

– Paracelsus  
(1493–1541)

# Thank You!



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