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THE BEST VALENTINE'S DAY WINES, ACCORDING TO SOMMELIERS

Easy reds, seductive whites, and Champagnes galore.

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Every memorable Valentine's Day seems to involve wine. Couples gazing across a table, drinking silky Barolos. Duos on a picnic, clinking glasses of crisp rosés. Or if you're not coupled up, a cozy moment on the couch by yourself, glass in hand. (More wine for you, right?)



No matter if you're a hopeful romantic or you huff at all the Hallmark hullabaloo, February 14th calls for wine. But what are you drinking? We quizzed a cast of sommeliers to find the best wines to pair with all kinds of romance.



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The First Date: Donnafugata 'Mille e una Notte Wine' Sicily \$85

"For St. Valentine's, I would recommend Mille e Una Notte by Donnafugata winery. It's dedicated to one of the oldest and most fascinating love stories, *One Thousand and One Nights*: a classic love story where Sherazade, the main character, manages to conquer the sultan's love thanks to her ability to narrate stories, one night after another."

The wine is an homage to love and the rich cultural connection given to Sicily, especially in the development of agriculture during the Islamic rule of the island in the 8th century. Made from Nero d'Avola, Petit Verdot, Syrah and other grapes, the wine exudes aromas and flavors of plum, mulberry, licorice, dried figs, bay leaf, nutmeg, cinnamon, and leather.

The palate is compelling, soft and embracing, surprising with an extraordinary silky tannin. A remarkable long persistence on the finish. The wine can age over 20 years and is a true testament of love to the island and the guest we'll decide to drink it with" – *Jeffrey Porter, beverage consultant, host, and sommelier*



