

In very general, red wines are served at cooler room temperatures and white wines are best served chilled. When wines are served too warm they tend to taste unbalanced with an alcohol edge. When wines are served too cold the innate flavours and aromas are significantly suppressed. So, to serve your wines *just right*, take a look at the **Wine Serving Temperature** guidelines below.

Optimal Wine Serving Temperatures :

White Wines: 45-50 °F or 7-10 °C

Red Wines: 50-65 °F or 10-18 °C

Rosé Wines: 45-55 °F or 7-13 °C

Sparkling Wines: 42-52 °F or 6-11 °C

Fortified Wines: 55-68 °F or 13-20 °C

<http://wine.about.com/od/storingwines/qt/servingtemps.htm>

What temperature do I serve my wine?

When tasting wines the very first thing you do is look at the wine. What's the colour like? Dark? Light? Then you swirl it around the glass and sniff the wonderful aromas. Only then do you have a sip to savour the rich flavours. The aroma comes from the wine warming up and giving off vapours. A liquid will vapourise as it heats up so you really want to have whatever wine you're drinking at slightly less than room temperature.

By room temperature I mean the surrounding temperature. There's a huge difference in room temperature between the mountains in winter and the beach in summer. I've listed what I've found to be good wine drinking temperatures in the table below.

Wine Serving Temperature Guidelines

Temp F	Temp C	Notes
100°	39°	Warm Bath
68°	20°	-
66°	19°	Vintage Port
64°	18°	Shiraz and other red wines
63°	17°	Red Burgundy, Cabernet
61°	16°	Pinot Noir
59°	15°	Chianti, Zinfandel
57°	14°	Tawny/NV Port, Madeira
55°	13°	Ideal storage for all wines
54°	12°	Beaujolais, rose
52°	11°	Sauternes
50°	10°	Most white wines
48°	9°	Chardonnay
47°	8°	Riesling
45°	7°	Champagne
43°	6°	Ice Wines
41°	5°	Asti Spumanti
39°	4°	-
37°	3°	-
35°	2°	Fridge Temperature
33°	1°	-
32°	0°	Water freezes
0°	-18°	Freezer Temperature



Summary: Store your wines between 12-16 degrees Centigrade and make sure the temperature stays constant

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