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EARTHY WHITES

These are un-oaked or oaked wines with broad, earthy flavours such as many Rhone Whites, Macons, Vouvrays and similar wines. They are generally substantial, dry wines characterised by mineral or soil aromas rather than fruity or floral ones (although some at the richer end of the scale have floral or fruity notes).

These wines have good structure, based on medium to high alcohol, a solid backbone of acidity, and sometimes phenolics derived from the oak or grape skins. Lees aged wines particularly have this richness of texture. Look for wines where structure dominates aromatics and gives the impression of substance, weight and solidity in the wine.

These wines are generally not for the novice drinker due to their subtle, constrained flavours and lack of overt fruitiness. They are not quaffing wines as they require the drinker to pay attention to the taste of the wine, appreciate its structure, balance and reserved flavour profile.

VARIETAL EXAMPLES

Relatively low acid grapes - Grenace Blanc, Chardonnay, Chenin Blanc, Semillon, Marsanne, Chasselas, Xarel-lo, Tocai Friulano, Less Expressive Pinot Gris, Sylvaner

TRY WITH

TEXTURE

Turkey or Chicken Burgers, Chicken Caesar Salad, Mushroom Rissoto, Cassoulet, White Bean Soup, Mushroom Quiche, Grilled Portobello Mushrooms, Grilled Swordfish

BODY •---•

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Look for:

4	 Mineral notes
	 Woody notes
Ö.O.	 Chalk
D &	 Floral herbs
	 Fruits



Where in the World

France is a big producer of this style of White Wine. The quintessential earthy whites are those from the Southern Burgundy region - Macon. Along with better Chablis from the Northern Burgundy, both of these Chardonnay based wines display the crisp mineral notes and flavours typical of this Style. The Rhone Valley Whites are also of this earthy style. The leaner of the Pinot Gris wines and Sylvaner from Alsace also fit the bill.

WINE	REGION	COUNTRY
Bourgogne Blanc	Burgundy	France
Chablis (Grand or Premier Cru)	Chablis (Burgundy)	France
Macon - Villages	Macon (Burgundy)	France
Pouilly - Fuisse	Macon (Burgundy)	France
Bandol Blanc	Provence	France
Bordeaux Blanc	Veneto	France
Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc	Rhone Valley	France
Coteaux d'Aix-en-Provence	Provence	France
Cotes du Rhone, Cotes du Ventoux, Crozes Hermitage, Hermitage Blanc	Rhone Valley	France
Graves, Pessac Leognan	Bordeaux	France
Provence Whites	Provence	France
Saumur Blanc, Savennieres	Loire Valley	France
Sylvaner	Alsace	France
Tokay-Pinot Gris, Pinot Gris	Alsace	France
Vouvray	Loire Valley	France
Pinot Grigio	Fruili, Trentino	Italy
Verdicchio	Marche	Italy
Xarel-lo	Penedes	Spain
Chasselas	Valais	Switzerland
Roussanne, Semillon	Washington	USA