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**Wine Terminology – 2**

Teachable Moments

<i>Classico</i>	An Italian term for the historical or "classic" center of a wine region--sometimes located in the heart of a DOC.
<i>Climat</i>	French term for a single plot of land located within a vineyard that has its own name and demonstrated <i>terroir</i> .
Commercial wine	A mass produce wine aimed for the wide market of wine drinkers made according to a set formula, year after year. These wines tend to emphasis broad appeal and easy drinkability rather than <i>terroir</i> or craftsmanship.
Corkscrew	A tool, comprising a pointed metallic helix attached to a handle, for drawing Corks from bottles.
<i>Côtes</i>	French term for the hillside or slopes of one contiguous hill region.
<i>Coteaux</i>	French term for the hillside or slopes of a hill region that is not contiguous.
Country wine	A quality level intermediate between table wine and quality wine, which in France is known as <i>vin de pays</i> . Also a synonym for Fruit wine.
<i>Crémant</i>	French sparkling wine not made in Champagne region.
<i>Cru</i>	A French term that literally means "growth." May refer to a vineyard or a winery.
<i>Cru Classé</i>	A French term for an officially classified vineyard or winery.
Cult wines	Wines for which committed buyers will pay large sums of money because of their desirability and rarity.
<i>Cuvaison</i>	The French term for the period of time during alcoholic fermentation when the wine is in contact with the solid matter such as skin, pips, stalks, in order to extract color, flavor and tannin. See also maceration.
<i>Cuvée</i>	French term, meaning vat or tank. On wine labels it is used to denote wine of a specific blend or batch.
C.V.	Abbreviation for the French term <i>Coopérative de Vignerons</i> that may appear on wine labels to denote that the wine has been made by a local cooperative.
Decanting	The process of pouring wine from its bottle into a decanter to separate the sediment from the wine.
Dessert wine	Varies by region. In the UK, a very sweet, low alcohol wine. In the US by law, any wine containing over 15% alcohol.
DO	The abbreviation for <i>Denominación de Origen</i> , or "place name." This is Spain's designation for wines whose name, origin of grapes, grape varieties, and other important factors are regulated by law.
DOC	The abbreviation for <i>Denominazione di Origine Controllata</i> , or "controlled place name." This is Italy's designation for wine whose name, origin of grapes, grape varieties, and other important factors are regulated by law. It is also the abbreviation for Portugal's highest wine category, which has the same meaning in that country.
DOCG	The abbreviation for <i>Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita</i> , or controlled and guaranteed place name, which is the category for the highest-ranking wine in Italy.
Drip dickey	A wine accessory that slips over the neck of a wine bottle and absorbs any drips that may run down the bottle after pouring – preventing stains to table cloths, counter tops or other surfaces.

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