

Wine tasting event checklist.

Planning

- *Decide the main theme of your tasting (e.g., sparkling wines / red wines only / specific grape variety / single producer / different winemaking styles...).*
- *Choose a catchy title (e.g., Italy vs France) for your event and promote it.*
- *Decide how many people will be attending.*
- *Find a suitable location.*
- *Select and buy the wines. If it is the first event you organise, start with 3-4 types maximum.*
- *Make sure you have enough glasses!*
- *Work out the cost and price, depending on your goals (promotional event, high-ticket...)*
- *Decide the wine serving sequence.*
- *Prepare and personalise a nice wine-tasting paper table mat.*
- *Have a skilled wine pourer! (or more, if needed)*
- *Prepare the wine notes in advance.*
- *Select the speaker for the event: interactive and with some knowledge! (BTW I am available!)*

On the day of the event

- *Prepare the wines (temperature / uncorking).*
- *Set up the seats before your guests arrive.*
- *Make available some water and breadsticks for each participant.*
- *Don't run out of wine! 1 bottle of 75 cl is fine for 12 guests.*
- *Make sure spittoons are at hand and easily reachable by guests - you don't want them getting drunk!*
- *Agree on the structure of the talk with the speaker in advance (wine/discussion/wine or all wines served together and discussion afterwards?)*
- *Encourage interaction: it's a learning occasion and there are no wrong answers!*
- *Conclude the tasting with a small bite to eat.*
- *Make the empty bottles available for participants to take pictures of the labels.*
- *Have fun!*