



Wine Tasting The Prince and the Pauper!

Goal: You will taste the six different wines, two at a time. Each pair has two wines made from the same grape variety. One of the two wines will be a "value" wine which is to say a very good representation of the wine at an affordable price. The second wine in each pair will be a "premium" wine from a top rated, well known producer and be significantly more expensive. Your challenge is to taste each wine and see if you can correctly identify the "Prince" and the "Pauper".

The wine pairs you will taste are:

Chardonnay

Merlot

Cabernet Sauvignon

Write your name on the form below and jot down any tasting notes you wish. When instructed by your host, vote for which wine you think is the premium wine.

Have fun and good luck!

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Your Name _____



Chardonnay – The most popular white grape in the world, Chardonnay is grown just about any place that has a long enough growing season. The United States is the number 1 producer of Chardonnay grapes followed by France, Italy, Australia, and South Africa. Chardonnay is a very neutral grape and hence a blank canvas affording the winemaker a myriad of choices. Styles vary widely from steely crisp Chablis of France, to the rich creamy butterscotch laden versions from parts of California.

	Wine #1	Wine #2
Tasting Notes		
Vote for Premium (✓)		

Your Name _____



Merlot – Often considered the “lesser Cab” Merlot has much in common with Cabernet Sauvignon only less – less tannin, less intense fruit, less alcoholic. The blending partner of Cabernet Sauvignon in the fine wines of Bordeaux, Merlot is widely grown throughout both the Old and New Worlds. Its signature flavors include plum, blueberry, black cherry and occasionally a bit of a peppery finish.

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Cabernet Sauvignon – Cabernet Sauvignon originated in Bordeaux France, and is thought to be a cross between Cabernet Franc and Sauvignon Blanc. The grape has been successfully grown in much of the New World, most notably California, where Napa Valley Cabs command astronomical prices, Chile, and Australia. Well known for tannins, these compounds are responsible for allowing Cabernet to age gracefully, often developing complex flavors over decades. Its signature flavors include black currant, black cherry, bell pepper, and with aging, pencil shavings and cedar.

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