Wine Tasting Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Before Wine Tasting**

☐ **Eat a meal before wine tasting.**

☐ **Dress comfortably.**

☐ **Do not wear your favorite white shirt.**

☐ **Bring valid ID for age verification.**

☐ **Take water bottle.**

☐ **Bring money in case you would like to buy glasses, souvenirs or wine.**

☐ **Bring your camera.**

☐ **Wine Tasting**

☐ **Once the wine is opened, take the cork in your hand and make sure it's moist and not brittle.**

☐ **If the cork is very dry, it's quite likely the wine was improperly stored.**

☐ **Once the wine is poured, lift your glass and look at the wine.**

☐ **Check the wine against the backdrop of the white linen of the tablecloth or napkin.**

☐ **Look for touches of brown in the wine.**

☐ **Check the color of the wine.**

☐ **Check whether the wine is cloudy or not.**

☐ **Check the back label of a wine bottle, to see if a wine is filtered or not.**

☐ **Swirl the wine in your glass.**

☐ **Check for any signs of mustiness, like the smell of wet cardboard.**

☐ **Get a sense of the wine's character through its aromas.**

☐ **Take a sip, and if you can bring a little air in with the wine, do so.**

☐ **You may slurp to enhance the tasting experience.**

☐ **Let the wine swirl about your mouth so that all your taste receptors have an opportunity to touch the wine.**

☐ **Sense the weight of the wine.**

☐ **Try to get a sense of how long the taste of the wine stays with you.**

☐ **Write notes about the different wines you taste.**

☐ **Keep a log for future reference.**

☐ **Keep a record of the wines you liked and the ones that you probably won't taste again.**