

## WINE SWEETNESS CODE

Sweetness Code	Description	Grams of sugar per litre of wine
1	Very dry	0-5
2	Off-dry	5-25
3	Medium	25-45
4	Sweet	45-65
5	Very sweet	65-105+

Here are some examples of what kinds of wines fall into the sweetness codes above.

Code	Description and Types
1	The <b>very dry</b> wine category would include many Chardonnay, Cabernet varietals, Chianti, Shiraz and Zinfandel. Dry French wine or Champagne will be indicated with <i>Brut</i> .
2	Some of the wines in the <b>off-dry</b> category would include many Sauvignon Blanc, California Burgundies and many sparkling white and rosés. Look for the word <i>sec</i> in the French section, <i>trocken</i> in the German section and <i>seco</i> on the Italian wines.
3	The <b>medium</b> category will start to reveal summery whites such as German Riesling and Gewôrztraminer. German wines may be noted with <i>halbtrocken</i> , Spanish wines <i>dulce</i> and French wines <i>doux</i> .
4	In the <b>sweet</b> category you'll find Hungarian Tokaji, some Late Harvest wines and other fortified wines. This level of sweetness is most closely associated with ports and aperitifs.
5	The <b>very sweet</b> wines include Late Harvest, Icewine, the noble rot and many Sauternes. Italian wines in this category of sweetness may be identified as <i>dolce</i> , German wines as <i>lieblich</i> , and French as <i>moelleux</i> .