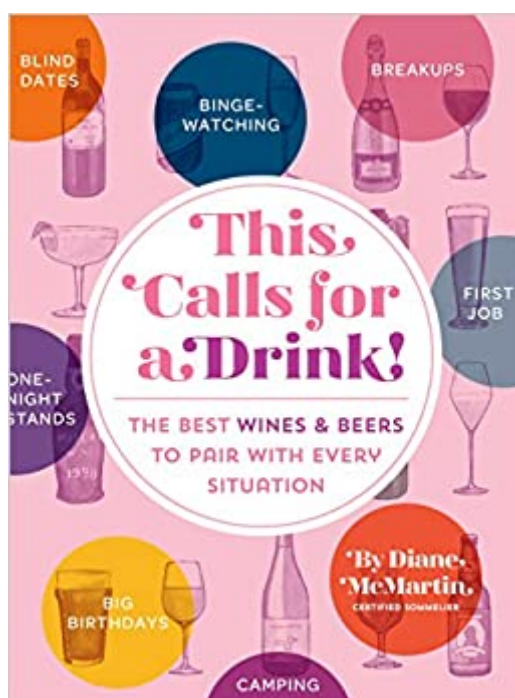


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# This Calls For A Drink!: The Best Wines And Beers To Pair With Every Situation



## Synopsis

What wine goes with your life? Any decent wine book can tell you what to drink with a grilled steak. But what's the best wine to pair with a blind date? For watching the Oscars? For a big birthday? Written by Diane McMartin, this inspired drinking guide matches wines and beers to the significant and not so significant events in life. Binge-watching Buffy the Vampire Slayer? Try a Riesling—refreshing but with depth. Dumped a jerk? Celebrate with a sparkling rosé. Here are hundreds of unexpected recommendations delivered in a voice that is fresh, hip, full of attitude, and as solidly informative as it is entertaining. It's everything you need to know to drink like an adult, even if you don't always behave like one. [View more](#)

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DIANE McMARTIN is a Certified Sommelier and graduate of the Culinary Institute of America's Accelerated Wine and Beverage Certificate Program. She also works in wine retail as a buyer, consultant, and teacher, helping customers wade through the endless sea of bad Chardonnay in the world.

I am as guilty as anyone else of shopping at the major chain store for my booze, choosing the

second-least expensive wine on the menu, and buying based on whether I know the name or like the picture on the label. But I also love cleverly written books and I love learning things-this book delivers on both counts. Clearly written by someone who enjoys a good drink and also enjoys learning and teaching about wine, it presents information in an accessible, personable manner, as if the author is your friend who just happens to know a lot about the perfect drink for most situations. She puts great little sidebars about wine regions and styles of wine that make you feel like you too could "get it" and order/buy wine knowledgeably. She also talks about beer and mixed drinks-it's very well-rounded. I am going to reread the sidebars next time I head out to a fancy dinner so I can make a smarter drink decision.

Finally! A book about beer and wine for how I live! Like most young professional women, I am not preparing a 4-course dinner for a fancy dinner party with high society. I am drinking a glass of wine with a burrito from Chipotle after a long day at work where I spent way too much time on the phone with IT support. And Diane McMartin knows exactly what to pair with this situation in her book 'This Calls for a Drink'. Tried and failed a DIY bikini wax? Diane has your back with the perfect pairing to make everything smooth again. Hilarious AND insightful, this book makes a great gift for any young professional wants to enjoy their drinks, no matter what's going on in their life. Diane McMartin is a certified sommelier, and a certified badass.

Funny and informative. I learned a lot, and giggled through out the text. I learned about types of wine I never knew existed, and saw old favorites in a new light. I highly recommend for the novice (like myself) and the expert.

Excellent book with good advice re both wines and beers, funny stories. I'm biased; I'm her aunt.

Funny informative read!

Loved the book!

I got this book and a bunch of the pages are just blank it will have page 172, 2 blank pages and then 175.

I really enjoyed this book. It isn't simply a bout pairing wine and beer with different foods; rather it is

about pairing wine and beer with different situations and feelings that practically everyone can relate to. The author, Diane McMartin, is very funny and witty, and she speaks her mind honestly on the subjects presented. She can come across as being crude and abrasive, but overall she is not derogatory or offensive. The author is obviously knowledgeable on the subject, and she has a way of putting "fancy" terms and phrases into simpler words that anyone can understand. The first part of the book, called "The Basics", can be very helpful to beginners and novices alike. It helps you navigate tasting and buying wine and beer, and provides a quick, yet comprehensive, primer on reading wine labels from different regions and varieties. There is also a great section about glassware, containers, and tools of the trade. Another interesting section deals with the cultural taboo of screwcaps vs. corks. The rest of the book goes into detail regarding pairing wine and beer with various life situations, emotions, and achievements. Some examples include having kids, dating, heartbreak, girl's nights, getting older, holidays, entertainment, weddings, and work. Throughout the book there are different informative sections to help increase your knowledge of wine and beer, including fun recipes to try at home, wine through the decades, boxed wine, yeast and hops, shandies, hangovers, aging, vintage, drinking and dieting, and drinking and dining. There are also humorous illustrations that fit the context in the book. The "Know Your Grapes" sections profile different grapes by region, flavors, perfect pairings, and examples to try. Likewise, the "Know Your Styles" sections profile different styles of beer and wine. At the end of the book there is a very helpful glossary of terms used in the beer and wine world, and a list of online resources you might find helpful. Overall this book is hilarious and fun to read, but still very informative and serious about teaching you all you need to know about pairing wine and beer with different situations and emotions. I would recommend this book to all beer and wine enthusiasts, although the book deals more with wine than beer. There are better books on the market that are dedicated to the world of beer specifically if that is what you are looking for. I received this as a free ARC from Workman Publishing Company on Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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