Terroir

Why the same grape tastes different in two places.

THE FLIGHT · TWO BLIND PAIRS

Same grape, two places

1 _____ Pair A

2 _____ Pair A

3 _____ Pair B

4 _____ Pair B

Each pair is one grape from two places. What is different, and why?

FIRST

Climate is not weather

- Climate: what a place does every year
- Weather: what it did this year
- Weather shapes the vintage (the year on the label). Climate shapes the style.

THE CLIMATE CARDS

Heat and cool

- Latitude: farther from the equator, usually cooler
- Elevation: higher is cooler
- Diurnal range: the gap between day and night temperature. Cold nights keep acid.
- Maritime: near the sea. Water evens out the temperature.
- Continentality: far from the sea. Hot summers, cold winters.

THE GROUND CARDS

Soil is mostly about water

- Clay holds water
- Limestone drains well but holds some water deep down
- Drainage: loose, stony soils let water run through
- Slope: more sun and faster drainage

> *Altitude lets a warm place make fresh wine.*

CARDS · THE MATCH

Explain the place

- [ ] Lay out five Region cards: Burgundy, Marlborough, Mendoza, Rhône Valley, Barossa Valley
- [ ] Use the nine Terroir cards from tonight
- [ ] For each region, pick two or three that explain why its wine tastes the way it does
- [ ] One sentence each

TAKE IT TO THE TABLE

Why this one?

"What makes this wine special? Can't I get something just as good for less?"

Name one real thing about where it grows: cold nights, a steep slope, a soil. Skip "quality."

Tonight's cards

From Mistral WineCards, Deck ONE: Global.

GRAPES

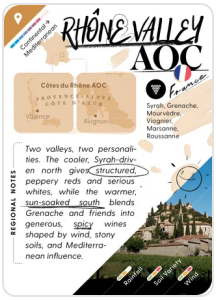


Syrah / Shiraz



Malbec

REGIONS



Rhône Valley

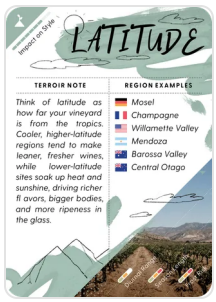


Barossa Valley



Mendoza

TERROIR



Latitude



Elevation



Diurnal Range



Maritime



Continentality



Limestone Soils



Clay Soils



Drainage



Slope

Study this week

Pull these from your deck. Read two a day. Before next week, find one of these wines on a shelf.

NOTES