



How to Host a Texas Two-Sip Party!

There's no better way to see how Texas wines stand up to their international counterparts than in a blind tasting. It removes all preconceptions and puts the wines on a level playing field.

It's fun and there's sure to be a few surprises!



1. Print the Texas Two Sip-Tasting placemat and the Two-Sip Tasting Sheet.



2. Purchase five Texas wines and five comparable (style and price) international counterparts. Keep the receipt so you have the prices for each wine.

Texas Fine Wine offers suggestions from which you can choose.



Determine the order of the wines on a master sheet. For example, 1A is a Texas Viognier and 1B is a French Viognier. 2A is an Italian Vermentino and 2B is a Texas Vermentino. And so on.



4. Cover the bottles with brown paper bags or aluminum foil so you can't see labels. Remove the corks as well. Label the bottles to match your master sheet.



Ideally, pour the wines before your guests arrive. *Hint:* Take white wines out of refrigerator 30 minutes before pouring; red wines should be cooled slightly before serving.



6. Smell and taste each set of comparable wines and make notes on the Texas Two-Sip Tasting Sheet.



7. After each guest finishes each set of wines, ask your guests which wine they preferred and which wine they believe is Texas.



8. Guests are encouraged to record information about each wine on the Two-Sip Tasting Sheet for their records.

Cheers!



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Texas Two-Sip Tasting Sheet



	Tasting Notes	Texas	Other	Wine Name	Variety	Vintage	Price
1A							
1B							
2A							
2B							
3A							
3B							
4A							
4B							
5A							
5B							



Suggested Wine Shopping List

from the wineries of
Texas Fine Wine



Bending Branch Winery, Comfort, Texas

- Bending Branch Winery Texas Tannat vs Tannat from Uruguay
- Bending Branch 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon, Newsom Vineyards vs Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon
Where to get it? Available at most HEBs and bendingbranchwinery.com

Brennan Vineyards, Comanche, Texas

- Brennan Vineyards Viognier vs California Viognier
- Brennan Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon vs Bordeaux Cabernet Sauvignon dominant blends
Where to get it? Available at most HEBs, Total Wine, Kroger, Spec's and brennanvineyards.com

Duchman Family Winery, Driftwood, Texas

- Duchman Family Winery Vermentino vs Vermentino from Sardinia or Piedmont
- Duchman Family Winery Montepulciano vs Montepulciano d'Abruzzo
Where to get it? Central Market, Whole Foods Market, Spec's, Total Wine, Twin Liquors and duchmanwines.com

Pedernales Cellars, Stonewall, Texas

- Pedernales Cellars Texas Viognier vs Viognier from France (or from Australia or California)
- Pedernales Cellars Texas Tempranillo vs Tempranillo from Spain (1 year or less of oak aging)
Where to get it? Whole Foods Market, Total Wine, Central Market, Twin Liquors, Spec's and pedernalescellars.com

Spicewood Vineyards, Spicewood, Texas

- Spicewood Vineyards Sauvignon Blanc vs Sauvignon Blanc from Russian River Valley or Sancerre from France.
- Spicewood Vineyards Tempranillo vs Tempranillo (Rioja) from Spain.
Where to get it? available at spicewoodvineyards.com





1A

4A

1B

3A

4B

2A

3B

5A

2B

5B

