

## **Tips to become a perfect wine host during festivals**

### **Learning wine etiquettes**



As the festival season speeds up, there are so many of us who might be enjoying partying at home. Not everyone likes to party at home, but the current chain of events has led to such situations that partying at home is better than going out! Talk about a home party, and drinking comes along with it. How about planning for a small wine session with your group of friends and family? Well, it certainly can increase enjoyment. But, before throwing a festive party, make sure that you follow these tips given by Sonal Holland - Master of Wine. Here in this article, she explains why it is important to have wine etiquettes and how to be a perfect wine host.

### **Tip 1**



As a host, there is always one general rule to follow, which helps you never go wrong. Be generous with the wine you serve. Nothing is better than building great memories over a bottle of wine, so ensure you choose wisely and well.

**Tip 2**



The festive season is a great time to experiment when hosting intimate gatherings! We all have our tried and tested wines that we go back to, but why not expand your guest's palettes by serving as many styles of wine as possible? When hosting a wine party at home, try to create an assortment of different bottles of wine, your guests can choose from. The beauty of wines is about enjoying the diversity of its various styles and discovering new tastes.

**Tip 3**



It's important to invest in good quality stemware to serve wine. It's a fact that the taste of even the most ordinary wines is enhanced when served in proper glasses. Choose clear stemware with no design or cuts. Ensure the glass has a lovely, steady base, a stem to hold the glass with, a broad base at the bottom of the bowl, and narrow rims. Keep it simple yet high-quality, and you will never go wrong.

**Tip 4**



When hosting an evening at home, chances are that some of your guests will arrive with gifts of their own, many times, a bottle of wine. It becomes your duty to ask your guests if they would like you to open their bottle and serve the wine to the guests - often, wine-loving guests make a lot of effort to choose and bring a good quality bottle of wine to a party, and would therefore appreciate you and the rest of the guests, trying what they have brought. At other times, some guests are simply recycling bottles of wine they don't want for themselves, so may not be comfortable with you opening their bottles at the party. Either way, it's important that you ask them first, to let them decide if their bottle should be opened at the party or saved for later.

## Tip 5



As a host, especially one who loves wines, it is absolutely fine for you to take the stage so to speak, to tell your guests a little about the wines you've chosen for the evening, and why. The only tip is: know when to stop. A few amusing, informational anecdotes about the bottles chosen are charming; anything more and you stand to lose your audience!

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