



Christmas Quiz

THE WINE ROUND

1. Wine from which Bordeaux château was served at the wedding of Eleanor of Aquitaine & Henry II?
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2. Why is Corton-Charlemagne said to only be planted with white grapes?
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3. Cherries, roses and tar are characteristic notes of which red grape?
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4. Which style of Sherry is served with ice cream in Málaga, Spain?
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5. Which red grape is a cross between Pinot Noir and Cinsault?
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THE SPIRITS ROUND

1. Campari, gin and sweet red Vermouth are the ingredients in which cocktail?
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2. Which spirit was given to sailors as a “daily tot” in the British Navy until 1970?
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3. In Normandy, a “cafe calva” is made up of which two ingredients?
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4. “Medicinal, smoky and oily, with notes of iodine, seaweed and heather” – which whisky-producing region are these tasting adjectives particularly associated with?
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5. Wormwood, anise and fennel are the key ingredients in which spirit?
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THE SONG ROUND

1. Which 1974 song by the band Queen quotes the line “She keeps Moët et Chandon /in her pretty cabinet / ‘Let them eat cake’ she says / just like Marie Antoinette”?
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2. What are the three ingredients that make up Nancy Sinatra’s “Summer Wine”?
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3. What are they drinking on ice in the Hotel California?
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4. “Sugar Rum Cherry” by Duke Ellington is a jazz variation of which festive favourite?
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5. “A bottle of white, a bottle of red, perhaps we’ll get a bottle of rosé instead” is the opening line of which 1977 Billy Joel song?
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THE FILM ROUND

1. Which actor portrayed the legendary wine critic, Steven Spurrier, in *Bottle Shock* (2009)?
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2. A disorderly punter stumbles into the Penrith Tea Rooms and demands “the finest wines available to humanity” in which 1987 film?
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3. Which wine does Paul Giamatti’s character refuse to drink in the 2004 film *Sideways*?
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4. Which drink does Jack Torrance order at the hotel bar in *The Shining* (1980)?
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5. Which drink is invented and named by James Bond in *Casino Royale* (2006)?
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THE FIENDISH ROUND

1. Meaning “little rascal” in the local dialect, the white grape Arneis comes from which Italian winemaking region?
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2. In the Graves classification of 1959, how many Bordeaux chateaux are classified for both red and white wine?
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3. In 2023, France, Italy and Spain were the largest wine producers in the world by volume. Which country was in fourth place?
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4. Which spirit is made with a solid-state distillation and has 12 different flavour categories?
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5. What type of still must Scotch malt whisky legally be distilled in?
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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW BERRY BROS. & RUDD?

1. Name three luxury commodities that the Widow Bourne sold from her shop at No.3 St James’s Street in 1698.
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2. What is the symbol that hangs on our sign outside the Old Shop?
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3. Which of these figures does not feature in our historic ledgers?
Lord Byron | Beau Brummell | Oscar Wilde | Napoleon III
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TIE-BREAKER

To the nearest year, what is the vintage of the oldest bottle of wine in our cellars?
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Total score

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