

## **Wine in Easy English**

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#### **A Tale of Two Tasting Notes**

*Think about the pre-questions before you listen. Then listen to the podcast. Then check your comprehension with the post-questions.*

#### **Pre-Questions**

1. What kind of white wine do you like?
2. Can you name some white wine grapes? Which of the following is NOT a white grape:
3. Sauvignon Blanc            Chardonnay        Syrah        Riesling        Sylvaner
4. What sorts of aromas do you like in white wine? Citrus Fruit (grapefruit, lemon); Tropical Fruit (pineapple, mangosteen); Butter-vanilla; Mineral aromas
5. Do you think that many white wines are beginning to taste alike?
6. What do you think are some key differences in white wines from France vs. those from California or Australia?

#### **Post-Questions:**

1. **T    F** Most Chardonnays made in California, Australia and Chile have a unique taste that is clearly different from each other.
2. In a Chardonnay made in the "international style," you might expect to find:
  - A. Aromas of tropical fruit; strong hints of butter or vanilla; some sweetness on the finish and higher alcohol.
  - B. Aromas of tropical forests, peanut butter and marshmallows.
  - C. Citrus fruit, mineral or stony aromas and low alcohol.
  - D. Highly complex aromas and flavors and finish.
3. **T    F** A good Chablis should be crisp and zesty with a recognizable mineral character.
4. **T    F** Chablis is best as an aperitif.
5. **T    F** An oaky character is the result of grapes growing in a cool climate.
6. **T    F** A cheaper way to add oak to wine is to put wood chips into the bottles.
7. **T    F** "ABC" means "anything but Chardonnay."

8. **T F** The "international style" is a way of making cheap Chardonnay.
9. **T F** The "international style" is the result of intense competition and high demand.
10. **T F** Chablis wines are naturally high in acid.

**Choose the correct word so that the sentences are correct.**

1. This wine has some nice \_\_\_\_\_ - tropical fruit - even a little mineral.  
A. oaks      B. aromas      C. tastes      D. characters
2. Do you agree with the description in that tasting \_\_\_\_\_?  
A. bottle      B. book      C. note      D. sheet
3. I love the honey character that's starting to come out now that the wine is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. opening up around.      B. opening out      C. opening in      D. opening
4. This wine is too high in \_\_\_\_\_. It's much too sour.  
A. alcohol      B. acid      C. oak      D. residual sugar
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ character in this Chablis is amazing. It's like drinking wine with rocks in your mouth.  
A. mineral      B. sweet      C. oak      D. aroma