

Decoding what grape is in that bottle of French Wine...

The names of French wines are determined by the region in which the wine is produced so it's just a matter of remembering which region uses which varietal...

White Wines

Pouilly-Fumé - 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Muscadet - 100% Melon de Bourgogne

Sancerre - 100% Sauvignon Blanc

Vouvray - 100% Chenin Blanc

Pouilly-Fuissé - 100% Chardonnay

Bordeaux - a blend of Sauvignon Blanc & Sémillon

Burgundy - 100% Chardonnay

Chablis - 100% Chardonnay

Red Wines

Burgundy - 100% Pinot Noir

Beaujolais - 100% Gamay

Rhone Valley - the major grapes are Grenache & Syrah, but, depending on the sub-region, there can be as many as thirteen different grapes in the wine

Bordeaux - the major grapes are Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc with Petit Verdot & Malbec are sometimes also used

