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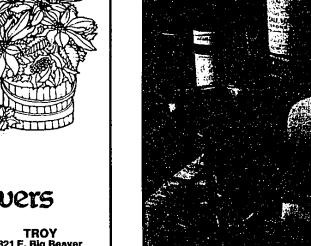


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Something to mull over

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here is a mystique about wine that makes it a joyous thing to give. Sharing wine with a loved one, a friend, a close associate - it is part of a special kind of ceremony. The giving of a bottle of wine any time conveys a sense of caring: close and personal and warm.

While receiving a wrapped bottle almost inherently makes it special, there are some wines that enhance that status.

Using everyday English to describe the subtleties of wine taste has long been a problem for writers, or wine drinkers of any type. Added to language limitations are the idiosyncratic taste profiles we all have: we taste things as differently as we are ourselves from one another.

However, over time a set of standard associations have come into being that describe the taste sensations a majority of the people experience when trying each. Here are the general kinds of descriptors for each of the wine types recommended for your holiday giving.

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