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Quotes about Wine

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Wine is a part of society because it provides a basis not only for a morality but also for an environment; it is an ornament in the slightest ceremonials of French daily life, from the snack to the feast, from the conversation at the local café to the speech at a formal dinner.

- Barthes, Roland

I may not here omit those two main plagues, and common dotages of human kind, wine and women, which have infatuated and besotted myriads of people. They go commonly together.

- Burton, Robert

It is a maudlin and indecent verity that comes out through the strength of wine.

- Conrad, Joseph

This wine is too good for toast-drinking, my dear. You don't want to mix emotions up with a wine like that. You lose the taste.

- Hemingway, Ernest

Wine gives a man nothing. It neither gives him knowledge nor wit; it only animates a man, and enables him to bring out what a dread of the company has repressed. It only puts in

motion what had been locked up in frost.

- Johnson, Samuel

Wine makes a man better pleased with himself. I do not say that it makes him more pleasing to others... This is one of the disadvantages of wine, it makes a man mistake words for thoughts.

- Johnson, Samuel

You know, my friends, with what a brave carouse I made a Second Marriage in my house; favored old barren reason from my bed, and took the daughter of the vine to spouse.

- Khayyam, Omar

Water for oxen, wine for kings.

- Proverb, Spanish

If you have a grateful heart (which is a miracle amongst you statesmen), show it by directing the bearer to the best wine in town, and pray let not this highest point of sacred friendship be performed slightly, but go about it with all due deliberation and care, as holy priests to sacrifice, or as discreet thieves to the wary performance of burglary and shop-lifting. Let your well-discerning palate (the best judge about you) travel from cellar to cellar and then from piece to piece till it has lighted on wine fit for its noble choice and my approbation.

- Rochester, Earl

Nothing equals the joy of the drinker, except the joy of the wine in being drunk.

- Saling, French

It's a naive domestic Burgundy without any breeding, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption.

- Thurber, James

To take wine into our mouths is to savor a droplet of the river of human history.

- Fadiman, Clifton



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