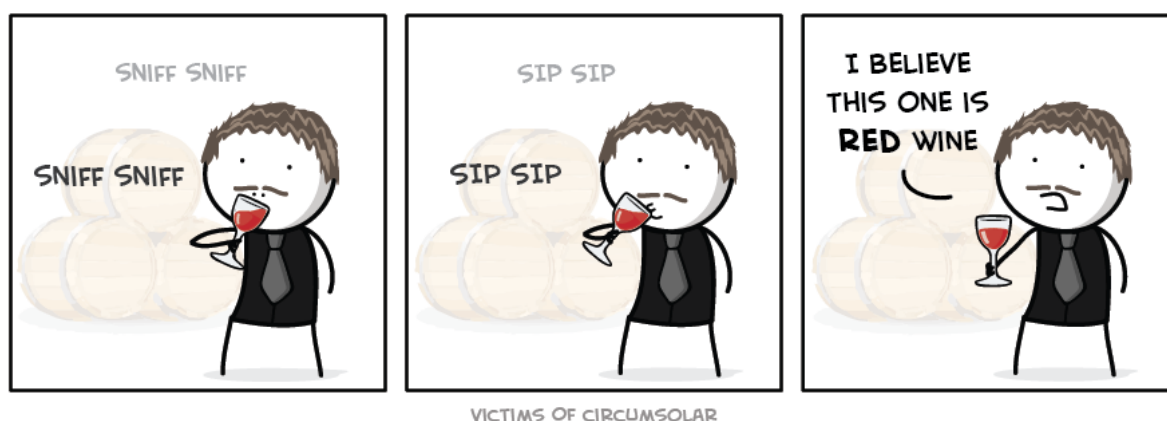




Wine options is a game (sport now) where teams of four combine knowledge, memory, ability to taste, and hopefully a wee bit of luck to determine the identity of eight wines.

The Wines

You will taste 8 wines. We have selected wines that we believe are a good example of the style of wine they represent. Read from that – we're not trying to trick you. We will do our best to ensure that the wines are presented to you in the best possible condition. However, wines can vary slightly from bottle to bottle, and some element of wine fault may slip through our testing. If that does happen – get over it and base your answer on the wine in front of you. We will be blending the bottles of wine so it will be the same for everyone.



The Questions

The first question for each wine will always be worth 3 points and will be poured to one member of the team. The individual may discuss the wine with the other team members, but no other member of the team may smell or taste the wine. Each member must take a turn to answer one of the white wine and one of the red wine individual questions.

The wine will then be poured to the rest of the team and you will be given 4 more multi-choice questions for each wine and you have a short time to agree on a team answer. The questions will be worth 3, 4 or 5 points each.

The answer for each question will be announced before we move to the next question. Scores will be given after each wine up until wine 6. Following that, points will not be advised until the final placings are announced. In the event of a tie, we'll figure some way out of getting a clear first, second and third placed team (probably a taste off, but that's our call).

Your Answers

For each question the team captain must number the answer-sheet with your team number, the wine number and question number and then strike out the 2 options you don't want to select. It is the team's responsibility to ensure that all the options answers are collected by the stewards, and that you bring up your joker card if you choose to play it (refer notes below re the Joker).

Point of Clarification

Some of the questions may refer to the "traditional home" of a wine. This refers to where the variety originates from, not necessarily where the wine in front of you is actually from. In these instances, the compere will give examples of the type of varieties that we may be referring to (e.g. Bordeaux – either Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec or Petit Verdot). When we say variety, we mean the variety declared by the winemaker. Some wines may have small percentages of other varieties in the mix that are below the level that is required to be declared.

The Joker

At the front of your scoring pad you'll find a joker sheet. Each team can play their joker just once during the game, and only on the last question of any of the first six wines. If you play the Joker and get the answer to that question right, you double the score available for that question. A word of warning; the points available for the last question for each wine will not necessarily be the same.

Bonus Point

Any team getting all five questions on a given wine correct will be awarded one bonus point: thus scoring 21 points on that wine. Bonus points are available for all eight wines (therefore; eight bonus points are available to each team).