

## Which Wine?

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ALCOHOLIC	Non-ALCOHOLIC
Unnatural - decayed	Natural, Fruit of the Vine
Mocking, Raging, Deceiving <b>Proverbs 20:1</b>	Sweet
Unsociable & Intoxicating <b>Habakkuk 2:15</b>	Non-Intoxicating
Unhealthful - poisonous <b>Deut. 32:33; Daniel 1:3-21</b>	Healthful food
Wasteful <b>Proverbs 23:21</b>	Pleasant
Deadly <b>Proverbs 23:32</b>	Refreshing
Not for Kings or Princes <b>Proverbs 31:4</b>	For all people of all ages
Stumbling block <b>Romans 14:21</b>	Good Example for all
Bad Fruit <b>Matthew 7:17</b>	Good fruit
Addictive drug	Non-Addictive

"Wine" in the Bible is a general term. It most often is used of grape juice (Isaiah 65:8), but can also have the meaning of intoxicating beverage (Prov. 20:1, for example). If the original word doesn't tell you which it is, then the context where the word is found will tell you. If you can obtain a copy of **Bible Wines** by William Patton, then it will give you much information on the subject.

One false assumption is that there was no way to preserve grape juice or grapes. Mr. Patton describes several ways of preserving wine by the ancients in his book. We are not as smart as we think we are, nor are the people of former years as ignorant as we sometimes suspect.

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