

9 Stellar White Wines to Drink This Fall

From Napa Chardonnay to Tuscan whites, the bottles you'll want to reach for as the weather changes.

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Yes, the weather has started to get a little cooler but doesn't mean we have to give up our favorite summertime whites. Sure, white wines are usually thought of as warmer weather pleasures, but they also form a nice bridge as the summer turns to fall. They offer an excellent contrast to some of the heavier meals we begin cooking as we move from the grill to indoor preparations, with crisp, clean acidity that acts a foil to cut through some of the heaviness of autumnal meals. Turning on the oven again is a sure sign that summer weather is in our rear-view mirror, but we don't have to open only red wines as the calendar turns a page. Some of our favorites are Chardonnay from Burgundy and Napa, Italian whites from Tuscany, Rieslings and Viogniers from California and Sauvignon Blanc from Northern California. Here are nine white wines to pair with fall cooking and help us to cope with cooler temperatures and shorter days.

Accendo Cellars 2021 Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley California



Bart and Daphne Araujo founded Accendo Cellars in 2013 with their two children Greg and Jaime. Their winemakers are Nigel Kinsman and Françoise Peschon, who work directly with consulting winemaker Michel Rolland. The team welcomes visitors (by reservation only) at Wheeler Farms in St. Helena. Accendo Cellars 2021 Sauvignon Blanc is straw colored with aromas of lemon grass, freshly cut herbs, and lemon zest. Flavors of mandarin orange zest and kumquat ply the palate and drop off to reveal a touch of spicy jalapeño pepper in the finish.

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