



### IF A BOTTLE OF WINE HAS A TWIST-OFF CAP, IS IT OK TO STORE IT UPRIGHT?

Screwcaps don't need to be kept moist to remain effective, so yes, it's OK to store wine with a twist-off cap upright. But you should still follow the same general principles of good wine storage, including protecting the wine from light and vibration and keeping it at a steady, cool temperature.

### WHAT WHITE WINES ARE CONSIDERED DRY?

Some whites wines are almost always made in a dry style: Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio, Spanish Albariños and Austrian Grüner Veltlins. Some wines often fall between dry and off-dry: many New World Chardonnays, Rieslings, Viogniers and Pinot Gris. And some whites are always sweet: Sauternes and "late-harvest" bottlings of grapes such as Riesling and Chenin Blanc.

### IS IT CORRECT THAT WHEN SERVING WHITE WINES THEY SHOULD BE SERVED CHILLED, AND WHEN SERVING REDS THEY SHOULD BE SERVED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE?

Serving temperatures are really a matter of personal preference, but most people seem to like their whites chilled and their reds at room temperature.

More specifically, whites show their best anywhere from about 40 to 50 degrees F (the lighter-bodied whites at the colder end of the spectrum, the fuller-bodied whites at the warmer end).

For reds, you would typically want them warmer than cellar temperature, but still a bit cooler than most room temperatures—say, 60 to 65 degrees F.



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**91 Louis Jadot Moulin-à-Vent Château des Jacques Clos de Rochegrès 2016 \$41** Violet aromas edge the glazed cherry, raspberry tea and licorice notes of this rich, charming Gamay, with elements of potpourri, orange peel and mineral filling the finish. Fleshy tannins. Drink now through 2024. 352 cases made.—G.S.

**91 Louis Jadot Moulin-à-Vent Château des Jacques Clos des Thorins 2016 \$41** Fragrant and packed with steeped raspberry, black tea and cherry gelée flavors that are licorice-tinged and focused, with dusty tannins giving structure to the mineral and mocha notes on the long finish. Drink now through 2024. 151 cases made.—G.S.

**91 Louis Jadot Moulin-à-Vent Château des Jacques Clos du Grand Carquelin 2016 \$41** Ripe black cherry and red plum notes are interwoven with mineral and dried herb elements in this brooding Gamay. Licorice and floral accents echo on the structured, toasty finish. Drink now through 2023. 489 cases made.—G.S.

**90 Louis Jadot Moulin-à-Vent Château des Jacques 2016 \$27** A richer style, but still fresh and focused, with plush tannins encasing raspberry filling and cherry compote notes, accented by dusty herb and licorice elements. Hints of mocha echo on the long finish. Drink now through 2024. 6,700 cases made.—G.S.

**90 Domaine de la Réserve d'O Terrasses du Larzac La Réserve d'O 2016 \$35** This has a nice mineral thread that goes through the blackberry and black cherry flavors, which are ripe and fresh. Hints of licorice, tea and mocha give richness through the plush finish that echoes with *garrigue* aromas. Drink now through 2024. 1,500 cases made.—G.S.

**89 Domaine Gayda Pays d'Oc White En Passant 2017 \$15** Fresh peach and apple flavors are detailed with floral, lanolin and spice notes in this refreshing white, with creamy details of honey cream, mineral and herb on the finish. Macabeu and Muscat. Drink now through 2022. 1,000 cases made.—G.S.

**88 Clos Triguédina Malbec Cahors du Clos 2015 \$18** Bright red cherry and crushed red plum fruit notes are accented by mineral, violet and white pepper details in this herb-tinged red. Grippy tannins. Drink now through 2023. 15,000 cases made.—G.S.

**88 Domaine Gayda Grenache Blanc-Viognier Pays d'Oc Fyling Solo 2017 \$13** Lively acidity supports pureed apple, peach and floral notes in this spiced, medium-bodied white, with mineral, chamomile and herb flavors on the finish. Grenache Blanc and Viognier. Drink now through 2022. 10,000 cases made.—G.S.

## GERMANY

### White

**97 Robert Weil Riesling Trockenbeerenauslese Rheingau Kiedrich Gräfenberg 2017 \$700/375ml** Not excessively thick, offering a graceful mouthfeel, yet unbelievably concentrated for the weight. A voluptuous dessert wine, with sterling pedigree. Almost like pure nectar, this is reminiscent of apricot, with hints of vanilla, lemon glaze and ripe papaya. The endless finish and ethereal aftertaste, with loads of creamy and honey notes, make this hard to resist now. However, those who do will be rewarded in a few decades. Best from 2022 through 2047. 12 cases made.—A.Z.

**96 Egon Müller Riesling Auslese Mosel Scharzhofberger 2017 \$783** A monumental auslese that focuses on freshness and minerality, rather than concentration and sweetness. This glides across the palate seamlessly, showing peach tart, ginger glaze and lemon curd flavors accented by thyme and spice. Well-structured and harmonious, but also with intense acidity for now. Elegantly framed on the super long, pure-tasting finish. Give this time to integrate. Best from 2021 through 2045. 12 cases imported.—A.Z.

**96 Robert Weil Riesling Eiswein Rheingau Kiedrich Gräfenberg 2016 \$450/375ml** This sweetie shows impeccable balance and a caressing texture, smoothly delivering apricot marmalade, passion fruit and vanilla cream notes. Intense and concentrated, yet the acidity imparts an elegant feel. Great harmony, and beautiful expression of a dessert-style Riesling, with a nearly infinite aftertaste. Drink now through 2042. 65 cases made.—A.Z.

**95 Egon Müller Riesling Spätlese Mosel Scharzhofberger 2017 \$228** Rich and lush, but with piercing acidity running through, creating an elegant floral feel, delivering flavors of lavender, kiwi, elderberry and candied lime. The vibrant structure imparts focus and length, as this stays intense but balanced on the kaleidoscopic, mineral aftertaste. Great clarity and expression. Best from 2021 through 2036. 33 cases imported.—A.Z.

**95 Robert Weil Riesling Beerenauslese Rheingau Kiedrich Gräfenberg 2017 \$340/375ml** Concentrated and thick, with apricot, lemon glaze and honey flavors wrapped in a creamy texture. Lush yet graceful, with mouthcoating presence, this develops with each sip, encompassing details of vanilla, baking spices and floral. An accent of white chocolate marks the echoing finish. Drink now through 2042. 55 cases made.—A.Z.

**95 Wittmann Riesling Auslese Rheinhessen Morstein 2017 \$64/500ml** Shows lots of intensity of fruit and acidity on a light-weight frame, but gives off a velvety impression. Manages to maintain elegance while expressing passion fruit, lychee, baking spice and orange-blossom honey notes. Well-structured and in perfect harmony, this focuses a beam of mineral on the long finish. Drink now through 2043. 55 cases made.—A.Z.

**94 Fritz Haag Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel Brauneberger Juffer 2017 \$44/375ml** A fresh, floral and extremely elegant yet succulent auslese, showing lime jam, peach and cream flavors, with an abundance of mineral notes, all tied to a vibrant structure fueled by electric acidity. Harmonious, multilayered and very complex, combining ripeness with the elegant character of the Mosel. Drink now through 2040. 60 cases made.—A.Z.

**94 Fritz Haag Riesling Spätlese Mosel Brauneberger Juffer Sonnenuhr 2017 \$42** Elegant, with racy acidity and just enough sweetness for balance and expression. Sweet orchard and stone fruit flavors are beautifully integrated, mixed with spice and floral aromas. The finish is superlong, showing depth and complexity. Drink now through 2032. 300 cases made.—A.Z.

**94 Dr. Loosen Riesling Auslese Gold Cap Mosel Erdener Prälat 2016 \$114** Shows tons of character, delivering an intensely spiced frame and a core of quince paste and crunchy pear flavors, with hints of vanilla. Graceful and not too sweet, with a silky texture, mineral elements and classy acidity for balance and energy. Pretty now, but better to wait for this to improve even more. Best from 2020 through 2038. 10 cases imported.—A.Z.

**94 Maximin Grünhäus Riesling Mosel Abtsberg Superior 2017 \$64** Dry-tasting, with complexity. Emerging flavors of spearmint, slate and white pepper draw you in, while Bosc pear and clementine captivate you. Offers a long, mineral-driven finish. This is harmonious now, but will reward those who store it for several years. Best from 2021 through 2033. 400 cases made.—A.Z.

**94 Maximin Grünhäus Riesling Spätlese Mosel Herrenberg 2017 \$46** Supple, with a vibrant structure to the nectarine, green tea and lemon curd notes. A touch of creaminess emerges midpalate. The finish invites you for another sip. Drink now through 2032. 150 cases made.—A.Z.

**94 Robert Weil Riesling Auslese Rheingau Kiedrich Gräfenberg 2017 \$164/375ml** This shows class and finesse, starting out rich, with crystalline acidity intensifying the honeyed apricot, wild herb and citrus flavors on a delicate frame. Displays beautiful purity on the long, lush, mouthwatering finish. Drink now through 2040. 216 cases made.—A.Z.