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## **‘A- Z- Learn About Wine’ – Obscure Grapes & Lesser Known Wine Regions**



I am well known for my ‘A- Z- Learn about Wine’ bite-size nuggets of wine information on my [Wine Tasting Ireland](#) social media accounts. I want to share some of the more obscure grapes and lesser-known wine regions that you may not have heard of or come across before. In this three-part series I will explain that there is more to wine than just Pinot Grigio, Sauvignon Blanc or other familiar ‘go to’ grapes or regions you might be used to.



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Why? Well because quite often we are stuck in a wine rut, picking up the same recognisable bottles or choosing wine labels we like the look of from the shelves, selecting the safe reliable bottles without any thought going into our wine selection.

What's wrong with that? Well nothing, but if you want a bit of excitement and adventure in your life read on....

If you are curious and want to learn more then try some of these wine recommendations.



**F** – Italy has hundreds of grape varieties that are planted throughout the country. Hidden in the **Campania region** in the south of Italy, we find the little gem Fiano. Rarely seen outside of Italy, it is making a name for itself in McLaren Vale in Australia. **Mandarossa Fiano** is a tasty wine that is an alternative to a Sauvignon or Riesling it has lovely floral notes and hints of pear and quince and fresh herbs, it is fresh with crisp acidity. An extremely versatile food wine which pairs well with shellfish, fish, chicken, pork, tomato-based dishes and charcuterie.

**Available from;** Baggot Street Wines, Bradleys, Jus de Vin, Portmarnock, Martins, Fairview, Redmond's Ranelagh and other good Independent wine shops.

Price Approx. €16.00

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