



Storing and Aging Wines

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How Should I Store My Wines?

There are two primary things to keep in mind about wine storage:

1. Temperature Consistency
2. Actual Temperature

Overall, temperature consistency is more important than actual temperature. It is better to store wine at a CONSISTENT temperature of 70° F (never varying by more than 1 or 2° F), than to put it someplace where it is 55° F for half of the year and 75° F for the other half of the year.

If you intend to age wines for 10, 15, 20 years or more, consider investing in a wine storage unit that maintains a constant temperature within the "ideal" 55-65° F range. Or, if you are like the majority of wine buyers who enjoy wines soon after you purchase them, you can store them in a pantry or closet that maintains the most constant temperature. Keep the wines in the boxes you got at the store, and make certain that the bottles are either upside down or on their sides (keeping the corks moist).

How Long Should I Age Red Wines?

Are you a red wine drinker? Does the idea of a robust red wine rich in aromas/flavors of black cherries, raspberries and smoky oak entice you? Then drink the wine "younger" (typically one to five years from vintage for many red wines). Or are you the type who prefers your red wines with a softer, milder structure and aromas/flavors of dried cherries, figs, and cigar box cedar wood? If so, drink that same wine "older" (often times six or more years from vintage for many reds). In general, ideal wine age is dependent on many factors such as acid, tannins, winemaking technique, and varietal character. Given the winemaking style and storage temperature of wine, a red wine may be ready to drink in anywhere from one to ten years.

The first step in determining how long to age your wine is to decide what you want it to taste like when you drink it.

About Us

K.D. Imports, LLC is based in South Florida, USA and imports fine wines primarily from Italy.

The wines of **K.D. Imports, LLC** have had the honor of appearing on several "Wine Spectator Award of Excellence" wine lists throughout the USA and have been featured at both the Chicago and New York City Wine Enthusiast "Toast of the Town" wine tasting galas. Our San Giulio Prosecco has even been featured on NBC's "Today Show."

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