



Chardonnay Grapes

Just as Cabernet Sauvignon has become the most popular high-quality red-wine grape, Chardonnay has taken the lead for first-class white-wine grapes and with even greater ardor. Although some argue that the Riesling grape produces the finest white wines, Chardonnay is being extensively planted throughout the world. It tends to produce high level of juice and good acid levels. The wide range of growing soils, as well as the winemaker's influence, produces a diverse spectrum of Chardonnay wines with varying characteristics. Their flavors can be described as buttery (especially if barrel aged), creamy, nutty, smoky and steely; popular fruit descriptors include apple, lemon, melon, and pineapple.