

Exploring Grape Varietals for Nashik Terroir

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Abstract: *Wine is an alcoholic beverage made from fermented freshly gathered grapes. Nashik, located in the state of Maharashtra of India, has gained recognition as a promising terroir for wine production. The grape varieties grown in the Nashik valley are Chenin Blanc, Sauvignon Blanc, Zinfandel, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Chardonnay, Merlot, Riesling, Viognier, Tempranillo, Malbec, and Grenache. This research paper investigates the suitability of various grape varietals for Nashik's unique terroir, taking into account climate, and soil characteristics. The study provides insights into optimal grape varietals to enhance wine production in this burgeoning region. Nashik can benefit from similar systematic study to streamline grape variety selection, reducing costs and enhancing the regions winemaking competitiveness. Researcher has gathered information for the research topic using Interview method in person and also by Google forms.*

Keywords: Nashik, terroir, grape varietals, wine production, viticulture, climate, soil, Indian wine industry.

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