



What to Drink Now: Wines for Romance

Toast your sweetheart.

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Toast your sweetheart with these romantic wines. (A few selections were sent for editorial consideration.)

Love and business can bloom through marriage. Take wealthy French business-woman Barbe-Nicole Ponsardin to **[Veuve Clicquot Champagne](#)** producer François Clicquot in the 1700s, for example. And, more recently, the marriage of **[Jean-Charles Boisset](#)** of **[Boisset Collection](#)** and Gina Gallo of **[Gallo Family Vineyards](#)**, melding two of the most prominent wine families in California.

There are also undeniable connections, like the love between the late **[Robert and Margrit Mondavi](#)**, and the late Jess Jackson and his dynamic widow, Barbara Banke, of **[Jackson Family Wines](#)**, whose stories read like romance novels.

The zest for life displayed by couples like Heidi and Bo Barrett/**[Barrett & Barrett Wines](#)**, along with **[Chateau Montelena](#)** and **[La Sirena](#)**, Amy Aiken/**[Meander](#)** and sweetheart, Joel Aiken/**[Aiken Wines](#)**, and Jean-Charles and Gina, highlights in wine, like love, there is passion.