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Do You Pair Wine with Movies?

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As much as I know about movies, that's about the opposite of how much I know about wine. In fact, I'm probably less informed than the waiter in [the restaurant scene](#) from [Going the Distance](#). I'd love to be a connoisseur, though, and I wonder if the key for someone like me to learn the ways of the grape are to do so through film. I don't mean like how I first heard of Pinot Noir thanks to [Sideways](#) or that a 95-cent Idaho bubbly is likely a bad choice via [The Muppet Movie](#). Or how I've bought certain bottles just because they have a filmmaker's name on them (I had some sparkling Sofia Coppola this past weekend, in fact). I mean something more specific, like [the list Focus Features had compiled](#) for its own titles back in June as a promotion for [The Kids Are All Right](#), or how our own Erik Davis found pairings on [yellow tail]'s new [ReserveYourNight.com](#) movie/wine-pairing site for recent blockbusters like [The Expendables](#) and [The Twilight Saga: Eclipse](#).



For now the best I can do is pair a generic white wine with [Finding Nemo](#) because I hear white goes with fish. And because red goes with meat, I think of it as something to go with a manly movie, particularly a boxing film like [Raging Bull](#) (for the steak scene, you know?). Or maybe white is lighter, so it goes with a lighter sort of movie, like a romantic comedy, while a deep red goes with a dark drama or thriller? Other than that, I have occasionally thought to drink an Argentine Malbec while watching Argentine films, just as I'd likely pair a French wine with a French film, etc. But it impresses me to no end that someone [can come up with](#) an exact brand and year to go with [Ratatouille](#) (the Pixar film, not the dish) let alone the documentary [American Movie](#).

While it's common to pair wines with meals and more often now, especially in NYC, popular to pair meals with movies, I haven't heard of a lot of people pairing wines and films. If you have done it, now's your chance to share some ideas. And don't think the concept has to just be applied to classy works of cinema. If you want to go super trashy, it's probably an obvious idea to pick up some MD 20/20 or Night Train whenever [Hobo with a Shotgun](#) comes out. But seriously, I'm looking for some real advice and recommendations here. So drop some ideas in a comment down below.

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Find a BYOB-Friendly Restaurant Near You!

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How can you find a BYOB restaurant in your area?

(That's a place that lets you bring your own bottle of wine in to enjoy along with the establishment's purchased food - BYOB stands for bring your own bottle.)

And better yet, how can you find a local BYOB eatery with no corkage fee?

Until recently, I relied completely on word of mouth to find these elusive eateries. But now, we can find the BYOB places nearest us using the handy-dandy restaurant finder, [ReserveYourNight.com](#), brought to us by those nice Australians at [Yellow Tail Reserve](#) wine.

Oh, yes. Not only do those kangaroo loving-vintners bring us drinkable wine for a good price, NOW they're teaching us how we can pick up a bottle at our local wine store for the same price as the by-the-glass price at the restaurants...and then tote that bottle with us when we go out to dinner. Genius!

Currently ReserveYourNight gives the run-down on restaurants that allow BYOB in the Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, NYC, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Southeast Florida and Washington, D.C./Baltimore metro areas. (Hopefully they'll expand their database into other regions too!)

So if like me and my husband, you like to have a glass or two of wine when out on a date, but you'd like to save some cash for, I don't know, paying the sitter, preschool tuition, fixing the leaky roof, COLLEGE, I hope you'll agree that this online resource is AWESOME.

You can search the BYOB database [here](#), then go to the right-hand navigation and click your nearby area and then enter your zipcode, proximity to your area, the amount you're willing to spend on corkage fees and other search criteria.

I personally searched for restaurants with no corkage fee. And then I called to verify the places that interested me that BYOB was A-OK with the managers. However, at some places a staff member who answered was not sure about the restaurant policy or their liquor license has changed. So I would call the places you find via search at ReserveYourNight before you BYOB that box of Franzia!

I also found some fabulous-looking restaurants with corkage fees listed at \$3, \$5 and fancy-schmancy ones with a \$10 corkage fee that would be completely worth it (you know, places with by-the-bottle prices of no less than \$30).

Happy sipping!

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Disclosure: I am no in way affiliated or paid by Yellow Tail or ReserveYourNight.com. I just think this is really cool!!