

Donut & Wine Pairing Guide



Glazed Donut & Chardonnay

The glazed donut, with its underlying hints of vanilla and toffee, go perfectly with the same flavors in the chardonnay. The wine manages to bring out these flavors in the donut, rather than mask them. And despite the sweetness of the donut, the chardonnay remains smooth.



Double Chocolate Donut & Syrah

The bold double whammy of the chocolate cake donut, plus the chocolate frosting pairs well with the dark jammy fruit-forward flavors of the syrah. It's almost like drinking a chocolate-dipped strawberry. That happens to be laced with alcohol.



Jelly Filled Donut & Rose

When paired with a raspberry jam-filled donut, the bitterness of a rose' softens, giving the raspberry flavors in the wine center stage. At the same time, the wine mutes the sugary sweetness of the donut, morphing it from a children's treat into an elegant bite!



Chocolate Frosted Donut with Sprinkles & Prosecco

The airiness of the donut lurking underneath the chocolate frosting is a perfect match for a similarly airy, bubble-filled wine. The sugary frosting brings out the sweetness of the prosecco.



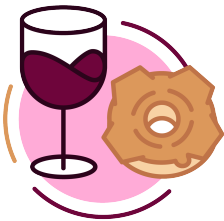
Sugar Donut & Riesling

Riesling is sweet, yes, but it also has quite a bit of acid in it. Pairing it with the donut mutes some of the acidity, while bringing forward the lemony accent of the wine. The real magic happens with the donut, though. The wine cuts through the sugar that can sometimes overwhelm the donut, allowing the spice in the donut to shine through.



Strawberry Frosted Donut & Moscato

The slightly sparkly, more-than-slightly sweet moscato still has a good tang to it. Alone, the fruit tones in the wine can be hard to pick out, but when paired with the donut, the strawberry flavors really shine through. The sweetness in the wine and the donut get amped up when paired, but fall just short of cloying. Nonetheless, a definite dessert pair – almost like eating your donut and drinking it too. Although, you know, still healthy (because fruit).



Old Fashioned Donut & Zinfandel

The old-fashioned donut is less sweet than most, allowing you to pair this with a drier wine, like a zinfandel, with its smoky fruity flavor and spicy finish. It expertly brings out the surprisingly spicy flavors often masked in the misnamed “plain” donut, and sets your palate up perfectly for the next sip of wine.



Boston Cream Donut & Port

The port, with its higher alcohol content and undeniable sweetness, is made complex by its woody finish. This donut-port pairing causes some of the port’s complexity to vanish, leaving it eminently drinkable. Perhaps too eminent. Exercise caution with this pair!



Apple Fritter & Sherry

While sherry may evoke images of Mad Men or Columbo, this drink should not be relegated to 1960s nostalgia. It is reminiscent of caramel, with a high alcohol content that gives the back of your throat a bit of a kick. And what goes better with caramel than apples? The high fat content of the donut serves to deaden the alcohol taste, which allows the sherry to draw out the donut’s apple and cinnamon flavors.



Maple Bacon Donut & Champagne

Bacon, when done right, should snap, crackle, and pop. So too should a delightfully bubbly champagne. The two together are a perfect match. The champagne bubbles away some of the saltiness of the bacon, and the sweetness of the maple brings out some of the sweetness of the champagne. Together, everything is just ... more. Which is a very good thing when it comes to wine and donuts.