Wine body chart: light to full

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Body is the weight of the wine in your mouth: light like skimmed milk, full like cream. Typical style of each grape, not one bottle.

LIGHT

Riesling WHITE

Light. Dry Riesling from Alsace and the Pfalz can be fuller.

LIGHT TO MEDIUM

Pinot Grigio WHITE

Medium-light. Fuller, oilier versions exist.

Sauvignon Blanc WHITE

Medium-light. Bordeaux-style blends with Sémillon, fermented in barrel, are richer.

Chenin Blanc WHITE

Medium-light as a typical guide. Styles run from light to rich and creamy.

Pinot Noir RED

Light to medium.

MEDIUM

Chardonnay WHITE

Medium. Oaked styles feel fuller and creamier.

MEDIUM TO FULL

Merlot RED

Medium to full. Warmer-climate wines are fuller.

Grenache / Garnacha RED

Medium-full. Decanter calls the wines powerful and warming.

Tempranillo RED

Medium-full.

FULL

Malbec RED

Full.

Cabernet Sauvignon RED

Full.

Syrah / Shiraz RED

Full.