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## BEST WAYS TO WINE & MCDINE

Expert pairs fine vinos with fast food

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A hint of oak with that side of fries?

Snooth.com, a connoisseur's Web site, took the time to pair fine wines with the worst, gut-busting offerings of American fast food.

Snooth's editor-in-chief, Gregory Dal Piaz, sat down at his local McDonald's, Burger King and KFC to uncork his advice for wine-drinking fast-food diners.

The most-iconic dish, McDonald's Big Mac, went best with the Artazuri garnacha rosé from Spain, Dal Piaz wrote.

"The rosé . . . had just the right level of fruit to work with the burger, and once again the acid levels seemed to pair up particularly well with this dish," Dal Piaz penned, in between bites.

For the Filet-O-Fish, the obvious choice was a **2010 Avalon Sauvignon Blanc** from California because of "its green herbal accents supporting the pickle elements in the tartar with the acid helping to cut through the cheese and mayo."

But not every fast-food dish had a good match. The critic struggled to find a perfect pairing for KFC's Original Recipe.

The heavily seasoned, deep-fried chicken ultimately got two recommendations, depending



### Avalon 2010 Sauvignon Blanc

Strikingly pure fruit flavors that drink of fresh pineapple and grapefruit with a lively acidity and natural balance.

**Appellation:** California  
**Alcohol:** 13.0%  
**pH:** 3.42  
**Total Acid:** 0.53

on the diner's need for compliment or contrast. The 2010 Valley of the Moon unoaked chardonnay "was a perfect foil for the greasy chicken," Dal Piaz observed.

But for KFC lovers who need a little contrast with their chicken and wet naps, Snooth recommended the off-dry white 2010 Sauvion Vouvray. "The noticeable sweetness of this wine was pretty much tamed by the chicken, though you could still feel it," Snooth said.

The flame-broiled big-beef offerings of

Burger King were a natural for red-wine lovers.

BK's famed Whopper went all the way Down Under for a fruity find in the 2009 d'Arenberg The Stump Jump.

"The Stump Jump's bright fruit was one of the pairings of the day for me!" Snooth's reviewer said of the Aussie wine.

With tongue-in-cheek humor, the site warned readers not to pour any glasses for their fast-food loving kids.