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wine in the home*

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## *Introduction*

Water, like air, is indispensable; wine is not, but it is desirable. Wherever men have chosen to settle and live, they have first of all made quite sure that there was a supply of water, but whenever they have attained a higher measure of civilisation or culture, they have always spent a good deal of their time, labour and hard-earned money that they and theirs might drink wine. It is true that wine is a food, and that its food value is greater, as well as richer in vitamins, than other fruit juices, but there are many other foods available which cost appreciably less than wine. The chief appeal which wine has always had and still has for all intelligent people is due to its specific action upon the nervous system; wine is both soothing and stimulating; it is a joy and a solace; it may become a habit, but never a craving.

There are wines beyond count, because there are an immense number of different species of vines grown in a very considerable number of vineyards all the world over, under varying climatic conditions from year to year. If you multiply the number of different sorts of grapes from which wine is made by the number of different people who press those grapes, attend to the fermentation of their sweet juice, and care for it until it be ready to drink, you will easily realise that there must be such a number of different wines to choose from that it should be possible to enjoy the right wine for the right occasion and at the right price, did you but know where to look for it.

There are wines which are excellent before, after or between meals, but by far the great majority of all wines are best with