



# Wine

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*Renowned personalities' citations*



*When we are sad, we drink to forget  
When we are happy, we drink to celebrate  
And when we have nothing to do...  
We drink to overcome boredom!*



*"Com'è vero che nel vino c'è la verità  
ti dirò tutto, senza segreti. (W. Shakespeare)*

- Wine is like a philtre: with every draught, it makes us told all our private thoughts, our hidden secrets, the truth we've always known but that our reason doesn't let us tell to others.*



William Shakespeare

*"Gettiamo via gli affanni! Scorri vino in un fiume di schiuma in onore di Bacco, delle muse, della bellezza."  
(A. S. Puskin)*

- This sentence is an invitation to enjoy the earthly passions, but it is also a praise to Bacchus, the wine's and happiness' god. The author incites our souls to immerse themselves in a bath of enjoyment accompanied by pure and simply beauty.*



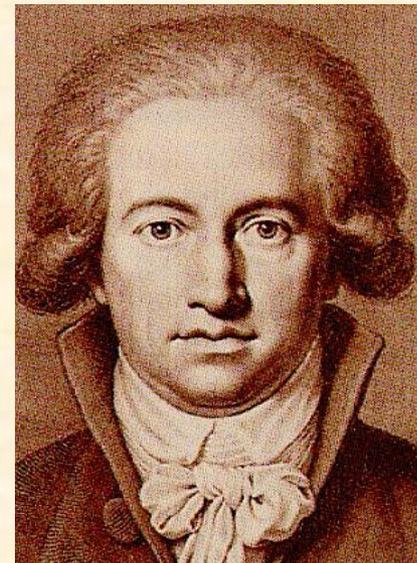
*"A volte il vino è la manifestazione liquida del silenzio."  
(Luis Sepulveda)*

- *With this words the author tells with melancholy that sometimes we drown our sorrows in wine, because it is able to comfort us in the sad moments we live everyday.*



*"Una donna e un bicchiere di vino soddisfano ogni bisogno, chi non beve e non bacia è peggio che morto"  
(J. W. Goethe)*

- The writer thinks that wine and women are the more loving pleasures of life; someone who doesn't drink and love isn't worthy of staying alive, because life is based above all on having fun.*



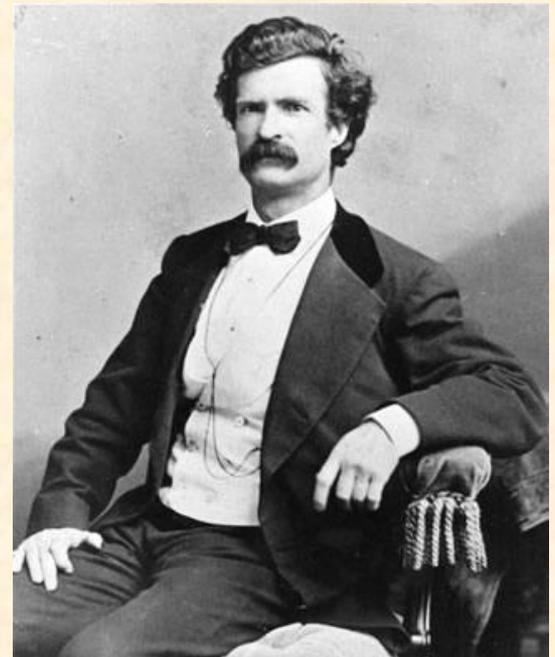
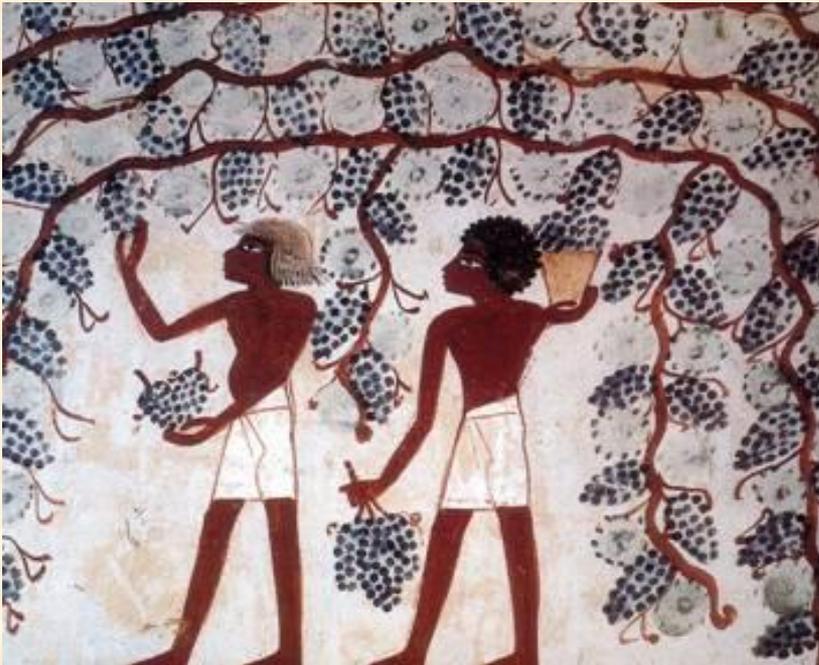
*"Il vino non si beve soltanto, si annusa, si osserva, si gusta, si sorseggia e ... se ne parla." (Re Edoardo)*

- The king tells that wine isn't a simple drink, but he thinks it is something rare, an esteemed richness that we must only appreciate.*



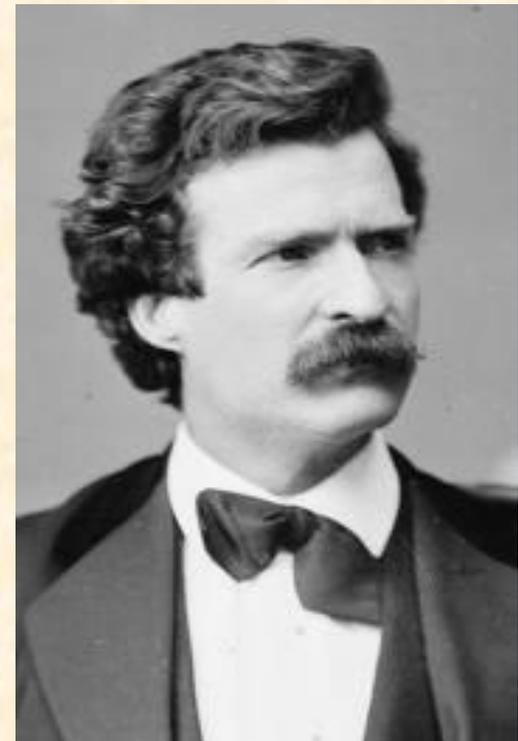
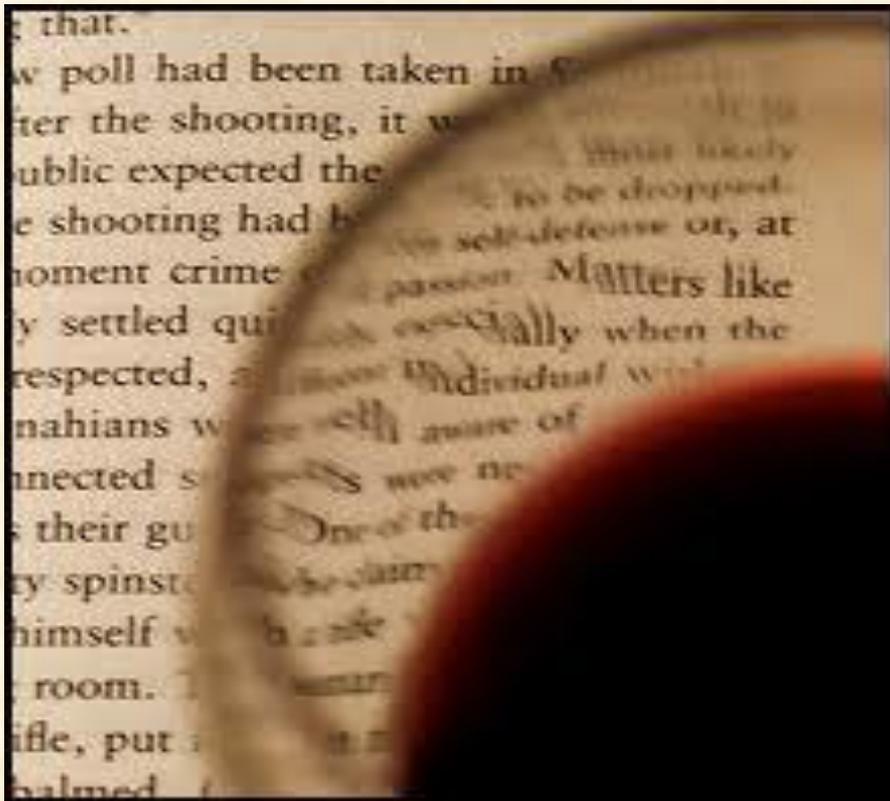
*"Immergeremo le nostre anime assetate nel vino  
ristoratore del passato." (Mark Twain)*

- The author tells that wine is a refreshing and pleasant drink and it is also the result of ancient traditions that still persist today.*



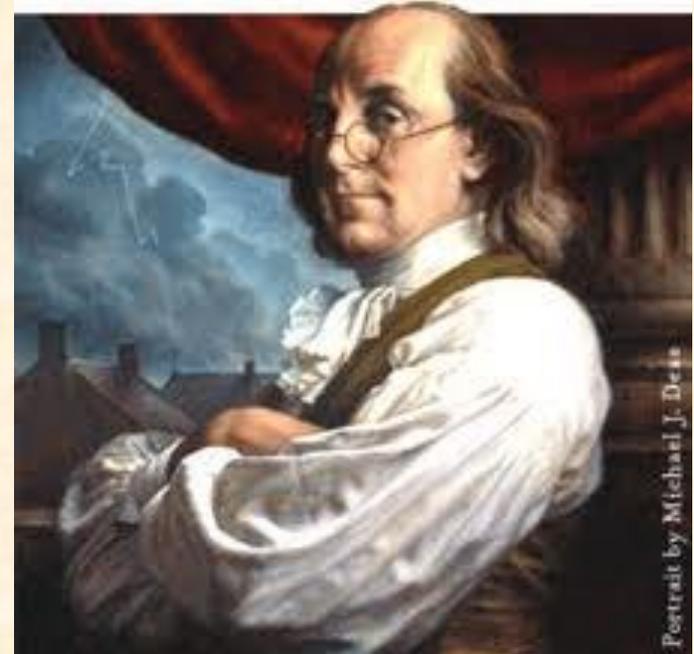
*"I miei libri sono come l'acqua, quelli dei grandi talenti sono vino. Tutti bevono acqua." (Mark Twain)*

- The writer compares some books with water, common and simple drink, while the talented people's books are like wine, drunk by a few good judges.*



*"Il vino è la prova costante che Dio ci ama e che ama vederci felici." (Benjamin Franklin)*

- The author consider wine as a present sent us by God to gladden our daytimes, and as a good friend that console us in our grief.*



*"...poiché le parole sono come il vino: hanno bisogno del respiro e di tempo perché il velluto della voce riveli il loro sapore definitivo." (Luis Sepúlveda)*

- The writer tells that words are like wine: they need time and breath to be revealed in their final taste. It means that words - such as wine - are finally disclosed only if well-understood.*

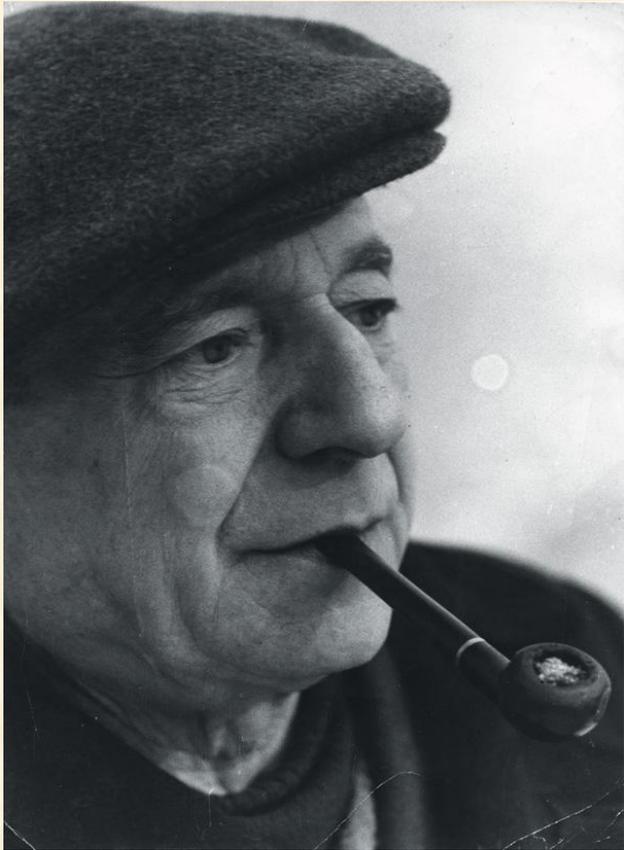


*"L'ebbrezza del vino uccide e fa rinascere: piacevole è la morte che procura, ma ancor più lo è la vita."*

*(Al-Akhtal)*

- The author writes that the wine's drunkenness kills and makes revive and he thinks that the death which it gets is nice but the life is better.*





*La vita è così amara,  
il vino così dolce;  
perché dunque non bere?  
(Umberto Eco.)*

- We can understand that the writer thinks that life is bitter, while wine is sweet, so why don't we drink?*



*I veri intenditori non bevono vino: degustano segreti.  
(Salvador Dalí)*

- The author wants to say us that the true connoisseurs don't drink wine but they taste secrets because wine isn't only a thing to drink but it is a whole of things which make it harmonious and nice to the senses.*



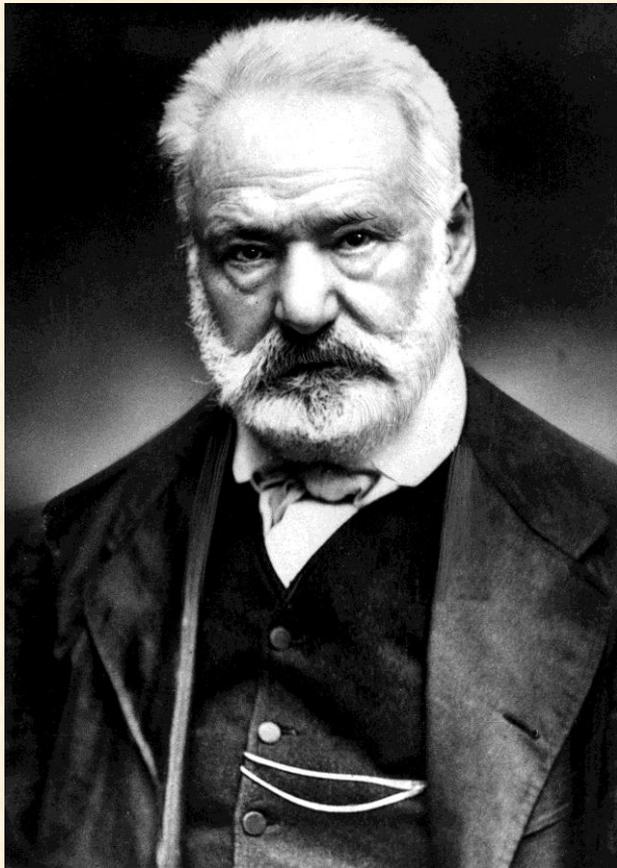
*Se Dio avesse proibito di bere, avrebbe fatto il vino così buono?*

*(Cardinale Richelieu)*

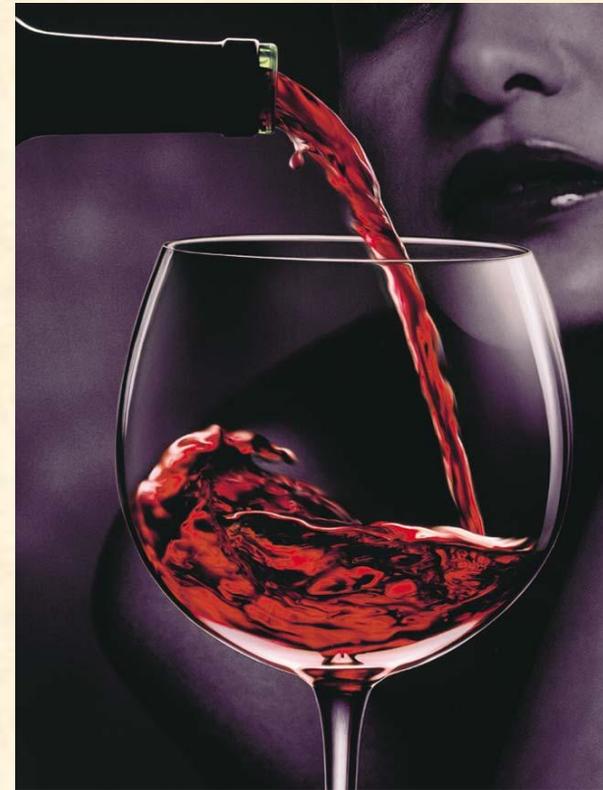
- *The cardinal reflects on the idea that if God forbade drinking, he wouldn't have made wine so good.*



*Dio ha creato solo l'acqua, ma gli uomini hanno creato il vino.* (Victor Hugo)



- *The author tells that God made just water, while men made wine. Maybe this sentence means that, for only that time, men were better than God.*



*Chi beve solo acqua ha un segreto da nascondere.*

*(Charles Baudelaire)*

- The writer wants to tell that the person who drinks only water has a secret to hide and so he doesn't drink wine because it makes tell us the truth and so a man is scared to reveal his secrets.*



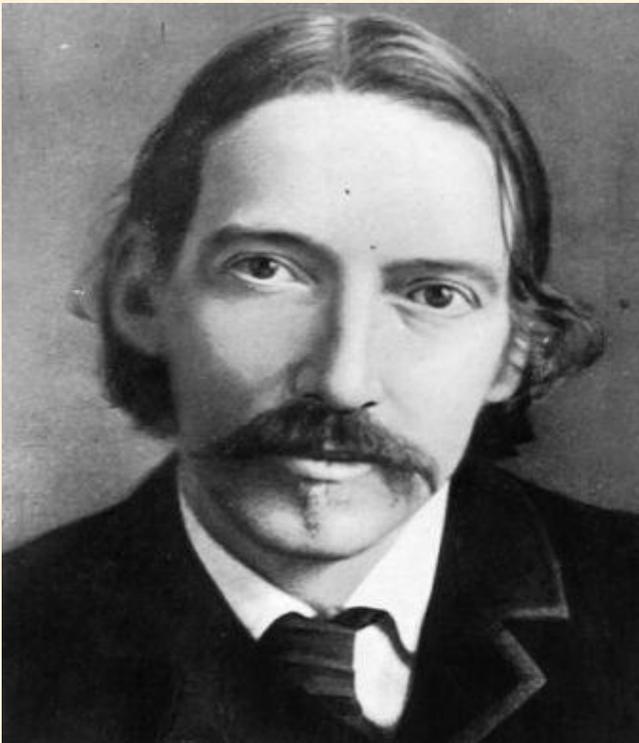
*L'alcool: la causa di e la soluzione a tutti i problemi della vita.* (Homer Simpson)

- In an episode of the famous cartoon Homer says that the alcohol is the cause of and the solution to all life's problems. If we think on this sentence we can say that it's true: a person who drinks makes a lot of problems but if he continues to drink he wont see any problems.*



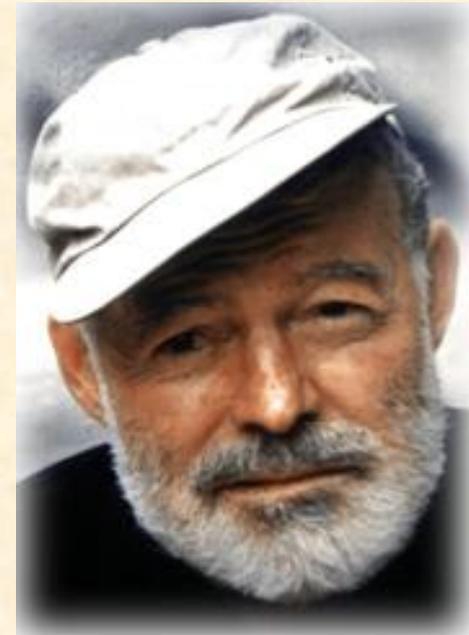
*"Il vino è poesia in bottiglia" (R.L. Stevenson)*

- In this sentence the author compares wine with poetry, the best expression of human thought. So the wine is a rich heritage that mustn't be forgotten.*



*"Il vino è uno dei maggiori segni di civiltà nel mondo"*  
*(Ernest Hemingway)*

- In this sentence, the author considers wine as a symbol of civilization, a kind of watershed between civilization and barbarism, between culture and no-culture.*



*"Il vino fulgido sul palato indugiava inghiottito. Diggiare nel tino grappoli d'uva. Il calore del sole, ecco cos'è. È come una carezza segreta che mi risveglia ricordi." (James Joyce)*

- The wine awakens memories, feelings, emotions of the past. It doesn't help to make the author forget.. It's just for this reason that he drinks wine.*



*"La felicità, come un vino pregiato, deve essere assaporata sorso a sorso" (Ludwig Feuerbach)*

- In this sentence, the author compares happiness with wine: he tells that as a good wine, happiness must be savored slowly, sip by sip.*



*"Non il ridere, ma il bere è proprio dell'uomo. Con il vino si diviene divini. Il vino ha il potere di riempire l'anima di ogni verità, di ogni sapere, di tutta la filosofia."*

*(Rabelais)*

- The key to understand the thought of Rabelais is just that he considers the wine as a symbol of human wisdom, the wine as a source of inspiration. We find the Latin sense of the sentence : "In vino veritas". So wine as the same essence of man.*



*We are children of an old tradition that sinks its roots in the past. We are heir of a rich heritage that mustn't be forgotten: wine.*

- *So ... what's better than a glass of wine with friends?!*

