



HEDGES

Family Estate

Rules At a Wine Festival

- **Don't** tether your wine glass to your neck
- **Don't** pinch your fingers and say, "Just a little." Dump it if you don't want to finish it, but I'm going to pour as much as I damn well please
- **Don't** violently lift your glass mid-pour and say, "That's enough." Same deal as above.
- **Don't** say, "Give me the biggest thing you have." This isn't NASCAR.
- **Let** "smooth" take the day off from your vocabulary... the whole day
- **Don't** shove. I mean... really
- **Don't** say you hate Merlot. We all saw Sideways. Guess what: Miles didn't want to drink Merlot because it reminded him of his ex-wife. That bottle he drank in the end—his most precious bottle—had a ton of Merlot in it.
- **Don't** tell every winemaker about the winery that was down the street while you lived in Lodi
- **Don't** ask how the wine scored... ever.
- **Do** wear a "Wine'er, Dine'er, 69'er T-shirt
- **If** you are going to use one of the those little food trays that has a cutout for your glass, you better be damn sure you are cool enough. Note: no one we've met so far is that cool
- **Over-buff** late thirties guy: Don't try to impress your date by contradicting me. You're going to fail. Yeah, try me
- **Don't** lick your glass... pig
- **Don't** talk about your sulfite allergy. There is a good chance you have no idea what you're talking about
- **Don't** dump into the water pitcher. And always look before you drink out of it
- **Practice** spitting at home; it will come in handy
- **Don't** talk about the legs after you swirl the glass. Here's a tip: the legs don't matter.
- **Don't** take your heels off and puke in the lobby
- **Don't** ask for the most expensive or my favorite wine on the table
- **Keep** the rim of your glass food free
- **If** you proclaim that you don't like white or rose-~~e~~-é, we will make fun of you when you walk away
- **NO** Perfume! And go light on the lipstick, honey. Those marks are hard to get off the rim
- **Asking** for a wine donation at the table for whatever charity will result in instant death

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