



Candidates preparing to take the Certified Sommelier Examination should be familiar with the following list of possible grape varieties and growing regions. The CMS-A Examination Committee recognizes that these grape varieties produce quality wine in many other regions of the world, but for exam efficiency and clarity limits the selection to the wines below. This document may be updated by the CMS-A Examination Committee at any time.

*\* NOTE: Regions listed under Grape Variety may include blends in which the listed grape variety represents a majority of the wine's composition along with regionally accepted blending grape varieties.*

**GAMAY**

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

Beaujolais  
(Villages, Cru)  
(Carbonic Maceration)

**CABERNET SAUVIGNON**

FRANCE

BORDEAUX

Graves  
Haut-Médoc  
(AOC, Cru Classé)

AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

CHILE

CENTRAL VALLEY

USA

CALIFORNIA

Napa Valley  
Sonoma

**GRENACHE**

FRANCE

RHÔNE VALLEY

Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Gigondas

AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

**MERLOT**

FRANCE

BORDEAUX

Pomerol  
St-Émilion  
(AOC, Grand Cru, Grand Cru Classé)

USA

CALIFORNIA

Napa Valley  
Sonoma

**SYRAH**

FRANCE

RHÔNE VALLEY

Northern Rhône

AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA

USA

CALIFORNIA

Napa Valley  
Sonoma  
Central Coast

**NEBBIOLO**

ITALY

PIEDMONT

Barolo  
Barbaresco  
(Normale, Riserva)

**PINOT NOIR**

FRANCE

BURGUNDY

Côte d'Or  
(Villages, 1er Cru)

USA

CALIFORNIA

Napa Valley  
Sonoma  
Central Coast

OREGON

Willamette Valley

NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH ISLAND

Central Otago

NORTH ISLAND

Martinborough

**MALBEC**

ARGENTINA

Mendoza

**SANGIOVESE**

ITALY

TUSCANY

Brunello di Montalcino  
Chianti Classico  
(Annata, Riserva)

**TEMPRANILLO**

SPAIN

Rioja  
Ribera del Duero  
(Reserva and Gran Reserva)

**ZINFANDEL**

USA

CALIFORNIA

Napa Valley  
Paso Robles  
Sonoma