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Wine, etc.: Admit it, you like chardonnay. Here are 14 worth trying.

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Consumers often say one thing and do another. For instance, they say they like their dry wines but they are drinking them sweet. They just don't know it. The same goes for chardonnay.

They say they prefer something else, but they are drinking chardonnay. Either that or a few people are drinking a lot of chardonnay.

Chardonnay is the top-selling varietal wine in the United States and sales are rising every year. In fact, one out of five bottles of wine purchased in 2016 was chardonnay.

Admit it, you like chardonnay.



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