

150 Possible

Service Exam Requests

This is a list I created and gave to my husband to ask me as I practiced servicing sparkling wine around our table at home!

Have a partner or friend ask you a few of these as if they are the 'guest' at the table, while you simultaneously open and service a sparkling wine.

These are the kind of questions they will throw at you during your service exam.

You will typically want a new world and old world example for every variety you suggest! + Make sure with each wine you recommend you also mention the vintage!

1. I'm looking for a sweet wine that isn't Riesling.
2. I'd like a light red wine to pair with my fish.
3. I'm looking for a nice wheat beer.
4. I really enjoy Nebbiolo, what do you have?
5. I'd like a spirit-forward digestif after dinner, what would you recommend?
6. Can you recommend a Sherry to start?
7. I really enjoy Washington Merlot? Do you have anything like that?
8. I'd like the best Champagne you have in house.
9. I'm looking for a sweet gin cocktail, what can you make?
10. Can you recommend an Austrian Riesling?
11. Can you recommend any wines from Greece?
12. What's a sweeter gin you can recommend for my Martinez?
13. I'd like a very dry white wine with lots of citrus notes.
14. I'm looking for a nice wine to pair with our tomato flatbread starter, what can you recommend?
15. Can you recommend a dry Riesling?
16. I love Alsace wines, do you have one you can recommend?
17. Can you recommend a nice Vouvray?
18. I love Sauvignon Blanc, what can you recommend that's not from New Zealand?
19. Can you recommend a Cabernet Franc?
20. I'm looking for a big California red to pair with my steak.
21. Can you recommend any dessert wine that isn't ice wine?
22. I'd like a more spirit-forward vodka cocktail, what do you recommend?
23. Can you recommend a second growth Bordeaux.
24. I'd love an old world Cabernet with my steak, what can you recommend?
25. I'd like a white Bordeaux, what can you recommend?
26. I love St. Emilion, what do you have from there?

27. I'd like a sweet Riesling tonight. What do you have
28. I drink Chablis all the time, but want to try something different, what do you recommend?
29. I'd like a gin cocktail before dinner, what do you recommend?
30. What can you recommend that's similar to a negroni?
31. I'd like a very expensive Pinot Noir, what can you bring me?
32. I like wines from Gevrey Chambertin, what else can you recommend?
33. What's in your French 75?
34. I'd like an Aviation, what gin would you recommend?
35. Can you recommend anything from Rioja?
36. I'd like an earthy red wine to pair with my lamb, what do you have?
37. Can you recommend a nice lighter style Beaujolais for me?
38. I'm looking for a Calvados? Do you have anything?
39. Can you recommend a nice Pilsner?
40. I've heard Cru Beaujolais is really good! What do you have?
41. I'd like a Northern Rhone red tonight, what do you have?
42. Can you recommend a French Rose?
43. Can you recommend a classified right bank, Bordeaux?
44. Can you recommend a nice blanc de blanc?
45. I love Grenache. What can you recommend?
46. Can you make me a sex on the beach? What's in that?
47. I'd like a New Zealand Red, what can you recommend?
48. I only drink Pinot Grigio. What do you have that's good?
49. I'm looking for a nice Prosecco.
50. What is Vouvray? Do you have any?
51. Can you recommend any orange wines?
52. I'm looking for a nice Barolo with my dinner.
53. What should I pair with my braised beef and truffle pasta?
54. I'm having jalapeno mashed potatoes with my fish entree, what do you recommend I drink?
55. I'd love a nice Chianti, what do you recommend?
56. I'm looking for a red blend that's not super fruity.
57. I drink a lot of Rombauer Chardonnay, do you have anything similar?
58. I like an unoaked style of Chardonnay, what can you recommend?
59. Can you recommend a Super Tuscan?
60. I'd like to pair a Riesling with my fried chicken, what do you recommend?
61. I like Riesling from Rheingau, do you have anything from there?
62. Can you recommend anything from the Pfalz?
63. I love Austrian whites! Do you have any?
64. I'd like a nice dark beer, what can you recommend?
65. I love Spanish red wines, what can you recommend?
66. I'd like a Pinot Noir with my steak, what can you recommend?
67. I'm looking for a dry Riesling, what do you have?
68. I'm looking for a Grand Cru Chablis, what can you recommend?

69. I'd like a Chardonnay from France, what do you have?
70. Can you recommend a nice clean and aromatic Sake?
71. I love Albarino, but want to try something different, what do you recommend that's similar?
72. I'd love a good fino sherry with our cheese plate, what do you have?
73. What's a nice sherry for after my meal?
74. Can you recommend a vintage port?
75. I'd love a nice LBV Port, what do you have? What grapes make Port?
76. I'm looking for a lighter style of Madiera, what can you recommend?
77. What's a rich dessert wine you'd recommend?
78. Can you recommend a cream sherry?
79. I only drink Napa Valley Chardonnay, what do you have?
80. I'd like a nice Chardonnay with my scallops and risotto, what should I order?
81. What's in a Mai Tai?
82. What's in a Rob Roy? What spirit would you recommend?
83. I'm looking for a cocktail made with brandy? Can you make anything?
84. I'd like a nice Merlot for dinner, what do you think?
85. What's an herbal/bitter apertif you'd recommend?
86. I'm looking for a big Napa Cab, what can you recommend?
87. I love Russian River Pinot Noir, do you have one?
88. Can you recommend a nice Pinot Noir from the Central Coast?
89. I'm looking for a Central Coast red wine. What can you recommend?
90. What's an anejo tequila you would recommend?
91. I'd like a fun rum cocktail, what do you recommend?
92. Can you recommend a Zinfandel?
93. I'd like to drink Barbaresco tonight, what can you recommend?
94. I'm looking for a dry Chenin. What can you recommend?
95. I'd like white wine to pair with oysters, what can you recommend?
96. I'd like an IPA, what can you bring me?
97. I'm looking for a red that's equally fruity and savory.
98. I'd love a nice Cava with my appetizer, what do you recommend?
99. What's in your Cape Codder?
100. What's a good Malbec to pair with my burger?
101. I'd like a nice floral white wine? What do you recommend?
102. I'm looking for a fortified wine that isn't port, sherry, or Madiera, what do you have?
103. I'd like a big Australian Red, what can you recommend.
104. I love Australian Cabernet, can you recommend something?
105. Can you recommend a nice Australian Shiraz.
106. I'd love a nice Albarino, what do you recommend?
107. I'd like something to pair with my BBQ inspired dish, what do you think?
108. I'm looking for a Shiraz that isn't from Australia, do you have anything?
109. Can you recommend a white wine from Australia?
110. I'm looking for a great wine to pair with smoked salmon?

111. What white wine would you recommend with sushi?
112. I tried a Sazarac the other day, what's in that?
113. I love New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc, what do you have?
114. I'd love an elegant Cabernet, what can you recommend?
115. I'd like a bold red to pair with grilled chicken.
116. I'm looking for a bold red from somewhere fun, what can you recommend?
117. Can you recommend a late harvest wine that isn't Riesling?
118. I'd like a fruity aperitif, what can you recommend?
119. I'd like a fun digestif, what can you recommend?
120. I love Laphroaig scotch, can you recommend anything similar?
121. I'd like a scotch that isn't too peaty, what can you recommend?
122. I'm looking for a nice Central Coast Chardonnay?
123. I'd like a good Scotch after dinner, what do you have?
124. I'd like something from the Maipo Valley. What can you recommend?
125. Do you have anything similar to Gran Marnier as an after-dinner drink?
126. Can you recommend a sweet vodka cocktail?
127. What vodka would you recommend for my Cosmo?
128. I only drink Oregon Pinot Noir, what can you suggest?
129. What gin would you recommend for my gin and tonic?
130. Can you recommend a tequila cocktail?
131. I'd like a Mezcal neat. What do you recommend?
132. What's a good spirit-forward rum cocktail?
133. What rum would you recommend for my Dark and Stormy?
134. Can you recommend a "beachy" rum cocktail for me?
135. What's in a Hemingway? What rum would you recommend?
136. Do you have any good Italian whites that aren't Pinot Grigio?
137. Looking for a nice Sauvignon Blanc from Chile. What do you have?
138. Can you recommend a Cognac?
139. I'd love a good Palo Cortado sherry, what can you recommend?
140. Can you recommend a 3rd growth, Bordeaux?
141. I'd like a sweet sparkling wine?
142. I love stouts, what do you have?
143. I love beers from Belgium, what can you recommend?
144. Can you recommend a good full bodied Sake?
145. I love Macon Villages wines, can you recommend something like that.
146. I love Cotes du Rhone wines, what do you have?
147. I'm looking for a big fruity red wine.
148. What's a good Junmai Sake?
149. I love South African white wines, can you recommend any?
150. I'm looking for a Chardonnay that isn't from California, what do you have?