# Wine Portion Control Examined 

An odd portion is 187 ml or $6.30 z$ and will yield 4 glasses. This portion is challenged because it is an odd size for any portion control device. We often see wine lists that claim 6oz pours.

A 250 ml or 8.4 oz pour is the maximum size that yields an equal portion and potential profit. 250 ml pours produce 3 glasses per 750 ml . This size is referred to as a $90 z$ pour, but is actually less. This portion size makes it difficult to aerate by swirling to release aromatics.

A 150 ml or 5 oz pour is the ideal to maximize yields per bottle and retail price points. A bottle of wine will have 5 glasses at this yield size.

Portion control is mandatory in a restaurant to maintain costs and profitability. Every menu item can be connected to a POS system for P\&L analysis and vendor ordering. Without portion control, your food and beverage items can never be analyzed to determine sell
thru, cost analysis or reordering. We highly recommend utilizing some type of portion control in your wine by the glass program, just as you do with your beer and liquor sales. Once customers realize the value of your wine program, your sales will increase.


I look forward to helping you find profit improvement opportunities in your Wine by the Glass program.

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## Wine Facts

A 750 ml bottle of wine contains 25.3 oz
A 5 oz pour yields 5 glasses from a 750 ml bottle Glassware should be free of odors and oil based cleaners Decanting wine improves scents and optimizes taste Wine should be stored at cellar temp approx 58F or 15 C Corked wine will have the smell and taste of wet dog/old socks Light can affect wine and light colored bottles allow more light Brettanomyces is a bacteria infection in wine: Band-Aid odor Wine should be stored at a consistant temp and humidity level Cork comes from the bark of a tree and is a renewable resource Once opened, wine can grow bacteria and oxidize quickly A butter or buttered popcorn odor or taste comes from oak Diacetyl can impart nutty or caramel characters


| WINE BY THE GLASS PROFIT ANALYSIS |  | \$20 COST PER <br> BOTTLE | \$20 COST PER <br> BOTTLE |
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| 750 ml (Standard Wine Bottle Size) | COST/ <br> GLASS | 2X MARKUP <br> RETAIL/GLASS | 3X MARKUP <br> RETAIL/GLASS |
| 150 ml portion (5 glass yield) | $\$ 4$ | $\$ 8.00$ | $\$ 12.00$ |
| 187 ml portion (4 glass yield) | $\$ 5$ | $\$ 10.00$ | $\$ 15.00$ |
| 250 ml portion (3 glass yield) | $\$ 6.67$ | $\$ 13.33$ | $\$ 20.00$ |

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