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# WINE LESSONS at HOME #9

Level: B2+

## WORD FORMATION TASK

Here is a text talking about Malvasia. Read the text and fill in the spaces with a word in the correct grammatical form. The base word can be found in brackets. An example has been done for you.

*Malvasia*

Widely and sometimes loosely (loose) used name for a range of usually relatively ancient grape \_\_\_\_\_ (variety), the most famous of which inspires the \_\_\_\_\_ (rich) style of madeira. The word is \_\_\_\_\_ (derive) from the Greek port Monemvasia, through which so many rich dessert wines passed en route for western and northern Europe in the Middle Ages. Malvasia di Candia (of Crete) is one common \_\_\_\_\_ (variety). In modern Italy there are at least 10 \_\_\_\_\_ (distinct) forms of Malvasia, planted all over the country. Malvasia Toscana is commonly \_\_\_\_\_ (blend) with much more Trebbiano in a wide range of Tuscan and Central Italian whites. Malvasia Puntinata is \_\_\_\_\_ (berry) and superior. White Malvasia tends to be a deeply coloured, quite alcoholic wine which can \_\_\_\_\_ (oxidise) easily but has an intensely \_\_\_\_\_ (nut) character, sometimes with notes of orange peel and dried fruits. Malvasia is also grown in Spain and, in Portugal, is the richest of the Madeira grapes, its name having been anglicised to Malmsey. It can be an interesting diversion (from the ubiquitous Chardonnay) in California.

Source: <https://www.jancisrobinson.com/learn/grape-varieties/white/malvasia>