

This Pinot Pairs Well with Project Management

One question we hear a lot: What's it like working with a team of IT professionals? After all, we've all heard the stereotype that the IT industry attracts a lot of really smart people who sometimes lack communication skills. And while that may be true of some IT professionals, the truth is that IT includes a wide variety of people with all sorts of different skills, personalities, strengths, and weaknesses—just like any other industry.

So what do IT teams do, and what's it really like to work with various IT team members? They're all different and wonderful in their own unique ways—just like wine.

IT Project Manager: Pinot Noir

Those who seek out IT project management roles are orderly and considerate people who understand how to help us, motivate us, and keep us moving toward end goals—which is no small feat! Since project manager responsibilities include creating timelines, maintaining deadlines, and sticking with a project scope and budget, IT project managers are thorough, logical, and detail-oriented. Nothing matches the IT project manager's style more than a Pinot Noir. Pinot Noir wines are both complex and versatile, easily accompanying almost any meal.

Software Developer: Sauvignon Blanc

Software developers are some of our favorite outside-the-box thinkers. Charged with developing, designing, and building programs and apps, they combine creativity with problem-solving skills, logic, and an underlying urge to figure out how to make something work. Software developers make us think of a Sauvignon Blanc. Sauvignon Blancs are dry (but still fun) zesty white wines that are made up of a curious mix of flavors that keep us on our toes.

Computer Network Engineer: Riesling

Whether we're working remotely or inside the office, network engineers and architects keep us connected and communicating. Designing, building, and implementing the computer networks we use every day requires determination, a keen understanding of business requirements, and the ability to act quickly when something goes wrong. When we think computer network engineer, we think Riesling. This white wine offers hints of sweet and spice, and it keeps us cool, calm, and ready for anything on a hot day.

Helpdesk Support: Pinot Grigio

Where would we be without our fearless helpdesk support teams? They solve problems, troubleshoot issues, and understand that not everyone in a company is a skilled IT professional. They're IT pros who know how to speak technical and non-technical—which is an extraordinary skill! When it comes to helpdesk support, we can't help but be reminded of a Pinot Grigio. This white wine is a brilliant mix of sweet and dry, which means it pairs well with most meals and is loved by just about everyone.

Web Developer: Champagne

Web developers create and maintain the front and back ends of websites. They walk the line of being both creative and technical, using both sides of their brain every day to keep our favorite sites up and running. They're communicative problem solvers who know how to make things work well and look great. We know that listing a sparkling wine is a polarizing choice, but web developers remind us of Champagne. Champagne is smart and energetic—ready to move once the cork is popped—just like developers.

Information Data Analyst: Chardonnay

Data analysts are the numbers experts on an IT team. Data analyst responsibilities include collecting, reviewing, and analyzing data from internal and external users. They help us understand what's working and what's not, and they know how to make anyone understand data. Data analysts remind us of the ever-popular and reliable Chardonnay. Chardonnay is one of the wine world's blank canvases, which means it can mirror the flavors of any location—in the same way data analysts know how to take data and make it meaningful for anyone.

Database Administrator: Cabernet Sauvignon

Database administrators keep our databases running securely and efficiently. They work with companies in nearly every industry to create and build databases that store, maintain, and display data and information. Databases are an important part of many businesses, so proper planning, installation, maintenance, and data recovery are critical. When we think of DBAs, we can't help but think of Cabernet Sauvignon. This dry red wine is a classic in the wine industry, and for good reason. Cabernet Sauvignons are strong, hearty, and pragmatic—a wise choice for any red wine drinker.

A Well-Balanced IT Team Is a Must

In all seriousness, IT teams couldn't do the work they do day in and day out without a mix of personalities, strengths, and interests. At Moser Consulting, we believe that technology is a tool that can be used by anyone, but finding the right people to handle that technology is absolutely crucial. With expertise in managed services, systems & cloud services, data & analytics, application development, learning services, business services, enterprise data services, and government IT, our team of experts are some of the best in the business.

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