



Some of the basic characteristics of pizza include saltiness, high acidity (from the tomato sauce) cheese and oil. When selecting a beer or wine to have with a pizza, you will want something that will enhance these flavors, not overpower them. As with any food pairing, a person's particular tastes will come into effect, but generally, if a person likes a particular pizza, the beer and wine suggestions should complement their tastes.

### Pairing Pizza with Wine

Italy is known for both wine and pizza, but surprisingly, Italians rarely pair the two together. That said, many people do prefer a nice glass of wine with their pizza. Here are some common pizzas and the wines they pair well with:

Pizza	Suggested Red Wine	Suggested White Wine
Pepperoni	Pinot Grigio, Pinot Gris, Pinot Noir, Sangiovese	Sauvignon Blanc, White Zinfandel
Cheese	Cabernet Franc, Beaujolais, Chianti, Sangiovese	Pinot Gris, Riesling, Chardonnay
Margherita	Barbera	Sauvignon Blanc
Pesto	Negro Amaro	Pinot Gris, Sauvignon Blanc
Vegetarian	Pinot Noir, Zinfandel, Chianti	Sauvignon Blanc
Hawaiian	Beaujolais, Pinotage	Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling
Neapolitan	Sangiovese, Valpolicella	n/a
Seafood	Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon	Chardonnay
Sausage, Mushroom and Onion	Zinfandel, Syrah	Chardonnay

### Pairing Pizza with Beer

Beer is a go-to beverage for most people when dining out, and with the proliferation of microbreweries, there is a limitless supply available to satisfy anybody's particular taste. When paired with pizza, beer is meant to cut through the oil and some of the acidity of the tomato sauce and complement the pizza, not overpower it. You will also want to take the toppings into account when pairing pizza with beer. Listed below are some suggested beer/pizza pairing.

Pizza	Suggested Beer
Italian Sausage Pizza	Blonde Ale
Pepperoni	Light Lager
Onion, Olive, Mushroom and Peppers	Indian Pale Ale
Spinach and Broccoli	Scotch Ale
Feta Cheese	Wheat Beer
Bacon and Pineapple	Porter or Stout
Eggplant with Parmesan Cheese	Pale Ale or Amber Ale

