

**FINE WINE, GOOD FRIENDS AND A WICKED MURDER.'**  
**WINE TASTING PARTY THEME**  
**(5-8 GUESTS \* ELECTRONIC VERSION.)**

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## Synopsis

**Ivanna Katenka, the mysterious airport security clerk, is hosting a wine tasting party at her home in the little town of Gladerock. Ivanna's known for having excellent taste in wine and for providing a relaxing atmosphere for friends to come together. Nevertheless, since the last get together, many scandalous things have happened among this group of friends. Ivanna hopes everybody will let bygones be bygones. You've received the invite, and plan to attend her wine tasting! This is where your story begins...**

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# LIST OF CHARACTERS FOR THE HOST

4 FEMALES, 4 EITHER GENDER. 5 REQUIRED, 3 OPTIONAL

CHARACTER NAME   OCCUPATION	CHARACTER DESCRIPTION	COSTUME SUGGESTIONS
<b>IVANNA KATENKA</b> <i>Airport Security</i> <b>REQUIRED FEMALE</b>	Ivanna Katenka is the ultra-mysterious airport security agent. Far from a femme fatale, she is feared by most, and has a severe problem with anger management. She lives next door to Gretchen Audigger.	<i>Any type of uniform-like costume (i.e. a white shirt and black pants with a fake arm band or badge.)</i>
<b>GRETCHEN AUDIGGER</b> <i>Pampered Fiancé</i> <b>REQUIRED FEMALE</b>	Gretchen Audigger is a former barista from the tiny town of Gladerock. After meeting her wealthy fiancé two years ago, she's become a glamorous, pampered princess. Her former sugary-sweet disposition has recently melted into a despicable, uncaring persona. Nevertheless, Gretchen is anything but boring.	<i>Semi-formal cocktail party attire. *A mandatory costume jewelry necklace with any type of sizeable fake 'stone' is to be worn.</i>
<b>INGA FEDEROV</b> <i>Personal Trainer</i> <b>REQUIRED FEMALE</b>	Originally hailing from Eastern Europe, Inga Federov is the town of Gladerock's personal trainer and fitness guru. If you need advice on exercise, diet, or overall fitness - she's your girl! Just don't let her fake personality bother you, as she does have overall good intentions.	<i>Any type of warm-up suit or athletic attire.</i>
<b>DR. INDY JONAS</b> <i>Ancient History Professor</i> <b>REQUIRED EITHER</b>	Dr. Indy Jonas is the arrogant, over-exaggerating ancient history professor at Gladerock College. Dr. Jonas can win you over with Australian charm, but don't be fooled; Dr. Jonas cares about one thing and one thing only - Dr. Jonas.	<i>An archeologist / rugged explorer costume.</i>
<b>MICHA ANGELO</b> <i>Artist</i> <b>REQUIRED EITHER</b>	The Italian heart-breaker, Micha Angelo, is the charismatic, eccentric painter. Micha sometimes sings instead of speaks and attributes the outbursts of song to an <i>impulse of creativity from an inner artiste.</i>	<i>Very trendy attire. A beret and sketch pad as optional props.</i>
<b>BILLIE BENJAMINS</b> <i>Fundraiser</i> <b>OPTIONAL EITHER</b>	This French Canadian recently moved to the tiny town of Gladerock. Nobody truly knows Billie Benjamin's intentions, but Billie's supposedly a professional fundraiser from a big city. Some of the locals believe Billie's hiding something.	<i>Conservative suit.</i>
<b>POINDEX BOINKERTON</b> <i>Computer Programmer</i> <b>OPTIONAL EITHER</b>	Details, details, details! If you're speaking to Poindex Boinkerton, you better get ready for a plethora of intricate fine points and facts! This is one over-explaining member of the Nerd Herd - a computer support team in Gladerock that's always ready to travel to your home to remedy your technological ailments!	<i>Nerdy attire. The nerdy-er, the better! Glasses with tape on the bridge &amp; a protractor and calculator as optional props.</i>
<b>DORIE LAXX</b> <i>Day Spa Owner</i> <b>OPTIONAL FEMALE</b>	Originally hailing from the UK, Dorie Laxx traveled to America to implement her dream of owning a luxurious day spa. She's a tad snooty, and a bit of a one-upper, but this relaxation queen knows how to make her customers feel like royalty!	<i>Very casual attire - a terry robe &amp; slippers or a terry warm up suit and slippers.</i>

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## NAMETAGS ✂

**IVANNA KATENKA**

*AIRPORT SECURITY AGENT*

**Each character will have  
a name tag in the  
purchased game.**

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# GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE HOST

Thank you for purchasing 'Fine Wine, Good Friends and a Wicked Murder' game from [mymysteryparty.com](http://mymysteryparty.com)! This mystery is a light-hearted and fun game that allows you and your guests to step into a different character while trying to solve the slightly challenging mystery. The party can be a huge success, as long as you and your guests relax and let the mystery unravel during each round.

**GENERAL HOSTING:** During the party, your job as the host player is to make sure the rounds flow properly. As the host, you may choose to play any character you wish – and we encourage our hosts to play the game! You will pass out the clue-containing envelopes to the guests at the appropriate times. Everyone will have a blast; the game's story will unfold as it goes along. As the mystery progresses, check on your guests to see if they are discussing the clues / implementing any tasks on their clue cards. Encourage them to mingle with all of the other players, and to take their time and not rush anything. It's all about gossiping and sharing secrets! They should speak to every other character once – if not twice – during each round. They are to ask questions, divulge secrets (unless it's their strategy not to), and have fun!

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**OPTIONAL PROPS:** We also offer mystery props on the My Mystery Party site in the Prop Emporium including a thunderstorm ambiance 10 minute sound wav to play in the background, crime scene barrier tape, crime scene balloons, mystery investigation pens, white face makeup for the victim, victim t-shirts, victim's halo, chalk line body silhouette and even instrumental rap beats as a downloadable mp3 for the optional but highly suggested bonus game rap contest. We sell envelope packs in different colors for the 4 rounds. There is a 'Do You Think You Can You Dance' mp3 track for the *Do You Think You Can Dance* challenge as well.

Feel free to set up a mock crime scene using the crime scene tape, body silhouette mat and evidence marker cards available at our prop store. However, only set up the crime scene after the victim is unveiled and do not use for sleuthing – it's just for a fun effect and photo opportunity for your guests.

**GAME STRUCTURE:** The game is organized into four rounds and is structured as follows:

**OPTIONAL PRE-GAME TASKS:** these optional pre-game tasks are to be delivered to each guest before the party or give them to the guests as they arrive. All pre-game materials are optional and do not alter the mystery and are intended to enhance the pre-game build up for the event. These tasks are not vital to solving the mystery and omission of them does not alter the mystery in any way. Also, encourage your guests to view the Your Mystery Party - <http://yourmysteryparty.com/wine> website to get them excited about your game (this has shown to decrease the amount of no-shows to your party).

**APPETIZER (COCKTAILS 4 ADULTS) HOUR / ROUND ONE:** Deliver these clues as your guests arrive.

**DINNER HOUR / ROUND TWO:** Deliver these clues while you serve dinner (optional) to your guests.

**DESSERT, AND THE BIG REVEAL/ SOLUTION ROUND THREE:** Deliver these clues with coffee/hot cocoa and dessert.

*Note: you do NOT have to serve dinner, this is only suggested and the instructions tell you 'when' to serve it and what to do around the time you serve it. You also do not have to serve dessert – again, it is only a suggestion. You can simply skip both without a problem and just serve snacks/appetizers the entire time.*

For further questions, check out our FAQ web page at <http://mymysteryparty.com/how-to-host-faq/>

If your question is not listed in our FAQ, contact us at the email addresses below.

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# OPTIONAL PRE-GAME ROUND

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**INVITING GUESTS:** Before the party, encourage your guests to view this mystery on the guest invite site at <http://yourmysteryparty.com/wine> website and use the My Mystery Party invitations as they have each of the characters included. This way, before the party, they can get familiar with their character they are to play at the party. The invitations are located on the page where you purchased this game – click on the link that says ‘free, printable invitation’ to download. Using the Your Mystery Party site, and doing the pre-game tasks in advance of the game, have shown to reduce ‘no-shows’ to the party. The free, downloadable invitation is among the files you can download with your purchase. The direct link is also located on the game’s page at <http://mymysteryparty.com/wine-tasting-murder-mystery-game>. Scroll to the center of the page under the helpful links section and click on the link that says ‘free, downloadable invitation’ to download the PDF file. Important – you must first save to your hard drive. Reopen with the most current version of Adobe Reader or you may face issues. If you have Adobe Acrobat, you can use the text fields - fill in your information in the text fields and either print or save to your hard drive. You can email these invites to your guests to save paper costs. You will need to enter your information in the text field and save one on your hard drive for each player, changing the character to be played on each invitation.

# ROUND ONE – WINE TASTING HOUR

Round one – the wine tasting begins as the guests arrive. Create a wine-tasting party ambiance with classical music playing softly, and low level lighting in the party room. If you want to make a bit of a spooky atmosphere, grab some spider web décor (available at our prop store) and spread some cobwebs around the room. Varietals of wine from a determined region should be served along with a cheese tray at each wine tasting station - or - you can elect to serve everything on a long buffet table. We've given you instructions on how to set up a wine tasting in this game file (see the Table of Contents). There's also a separate download for the wine tasting score cards – make as many copies of this file as you will need. Be sure to check out our Pinterest board for this game for more DIY décor and party food. The link to the board is on the game's page at the address given above.

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## **ROUND TWO - DINNER HOUR**

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# SOLUTION ROUND THREE

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**OPTIONAL AWARD CEREMONY:** After the mystery is finished and the murderer has confessed, you can host an optional award ceremony. My Mystery Party has many award certificates that you can instantly download, or we can print them for you and ship them to you – your choice! You can also purchase trophies, plaques, ribbons, etc. to award your guests with – the sky is the limit! It will be up to you who will receive each award. Many people may guess the murderer correctly, but you can ‘secretly’ determine the winner by whoever turns in their guess first. Don’t tell them you’re doing this, however, or you’ll have a bunch of rushed guesses! You want your guests to sleuth and have fun.

## EXAMPLE TIME LINE

*The game can be shortened by excluding the optional activities, or lengthened by adding more bonus games.*

**7:00 PM: Guests arrive**, have their pictures made (optional) and start the wine tasting. The guests will view the guest instructions and character list while they wait for everybody to arrive. The host should build in at least a 10 minute cushion for guests to arrive late. Hey, it happens.

**7:10 PM:** The **host reads the guest instructions** to the group. It is optional to have each guest introduce their character in front of the group. Play the video game trailer on Your Mystery Party for your game &/or read the game synopsis from Your Mystery Party to the group to give the premise.

**7:20 PM:** The **Round One envelopes** are handed out and the game begins. The guests mingle and reveal the clues on their clue cards. It's just like a normal party, but the guests remain in character and gossip about each other's characters. The motives & story lines will start to unveil.

**7:50 PM:** An **optional bonus game is played**. Bonus activities keep the energy flowing and the guests have a blast. They are optional, but highly suggested. The players must remain in character.

**8:05 PM: Optional to serve dinner.** Dinner can be sit down or buffet – or even as simple as a pizza that's delivered! You can also just serve appetizers/snacks during the party.

**8:35 PM:** The **Round Two envelopes are handed out** to the guests and pre-murder clues are discussed.

**8:55 PM:** The victim becomes the victim and the host passes out the investigation sheets to the players. The guests interrogate each other to determine whodunit. The full story is in the player clue cards, but the guests will have to be skilled at asking the right questions of each other, etc.

**9:10 PM:** The **forensic analysis report is revealed** and within ~5-10 minutes, **everybody submits their formal guess of whodunit**.

**9:20 PM: Optional accusation round** – the guests can take turns formally accusing who they think did it, and why. You'll be surprised at how everybody's inner actor will surface during this activity.

**9:30 PM:** Dessert and coffee (**optional**) are served and the **Round Three envelopes are handed out** to the guests. The guests sit in a circle and one-by-one, the solutions are revealed by each of the guests and the murderer will confess at the conclusion of the round. The murderer is notified in their round three solution card that they are the murderer. They will not know or have any advantage over anybody of knowing whodunit before this round. ***\*If you do not opt to have the optional players read their final solutions in front of the group, give them a few minutes to mingle and share their solutions after the murderer confesses.***

**9:50 PM:** An **optional bonus game is played**.

**10:10 PM:** An **optional award ceremony**. My Mystery Party has award certificates of all kinds that you can purchase in the Prop Emporium. The host can determine who receives the awards while the bonus game is being played. Some awards are traditional and some are snarky but hilarious!

**10:30 PM: Game over!**

We hope you have a fabulous time at your party. If you have a fun time, please share your success story and pics on our [Facebook Page \(My Mystery Party\)](#) and we will be glad to show you our appreciation with a loyalty coupon code for your next party! Do not post pictures of the victim/murderer &/or disclose who these characters are in the mystery. This ruins the game for other players.

## **HELPFUL HINTS FOR THE GUESTS - GUEST INSTRUCTIONS**

### **HOW TO PLAY A MYSTERY PARTY:**

You are about to enjoy three rounds of game play. Each round, you will receive an envelope with a clue card containing the information you need to play the role of your character.

**ROUND ONE:** will break the ice, build your character and establish motives for the crime (i.e. murder). Take time to get to know the other characters and focus on the story line that is building around you. There are likely to be two sets of clues on your card: those to reveal as you mingle with others and personal clues to conceal. As in real life, you know more about your character than anybody else in the room. Do not worry, if these secrets about your character need to come out to solve the mystery, they will. However, use these personal clues to help you decide how to react to others during the game.

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## PRE-GAME TASK CARDS

### Character T - PRE-GAME TASKS

**OPTIONAL** - for some pre-party fun, contact the following guests:

**Contact** the guest playing Character R and tell her that you are sorry that you had to detain and search her fiancé at the airport the other day, but you were just doing your job.

(Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Contact** the guest playing Character G and tell her that you heard Character E's fiancé gave her an intriguing necklace not too long ago. You hope she wears it to the wine-tasting party.

(Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Contact** the guest playing Character N and say you seriously need a massage and you'll be calling her for an appointment for a full day at her day spa very soon.

(Contact info: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Everyone will receive a pre-game task card in the purchased game. Names removed to minimize spoilers, but do not read if you wish to keep the surprise.**

## ROUND ONE CLUE CARDS

### CHARACTER I - ROUND ONE

#### CLUES TO REVEAL:

- 🔍 Ask Character W how her fiancé's computer is running now that you fixed it for him.
- 🔍 Tell Character Y it was a pleasure doing business with her when you sold her the information about Character G. You suspected he was some type of Russian spy because he had top secret Russian government documents & Russian Mafia files in a 'locked' file on his hard drive. You can get into any locked file.
- 🔍 Tell Character O there were pictures of her on Character V's hard drive - but she looked a tad younger. You copied his hard drive (as you do all of your clients) when you worked on his computer & hacked all his passwords for his files. He's from Russia, and he's in the Witness Protection Program by the Central Intelligence Agency. His name is not Character V...but you're not sure if Character T knows this, so ask her to keep it quiet for now. Ask her why he would have pictures of her.

#### PERSONAL CLUES TO CONCEAL:

- 🔍 Every time you fix someone's computer, you snoop through their files. Sometimes, you strike gold like when you got a hold of Character L's computer.
- 🔍 You are pretty sure Character Q's fiancé is a Russian spy - or maybe a double secret agent working for the CIA or something cool like that. In the little town of Gladerock, things can get boring - especially for a computer tech. You're glad to have excitement!

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## ROUND TWO CLUE CARDS

**Everyone will receive a round one clue card in the purchased game. Names removed to minimize spoilers, but do not read if you wish to keep the surprise.**

### CHARACTER L – ROUND TWO

#### PRE-MURDER:

- Talk to Character G about anything she's heard from the other guests tonight. Ask her what she thinks about how others feel about Character K.
- Tell Character O you really want to go back to school and earn your degree in archaeology or history or something fascinating like that! Ask him/her about the last time s/he discovered an exciting artifact!
- Talk to Character E about a painting you purchased at the art auction about 2 months ago. In the middle of the night, someone broke into your day spa and sliced it open. When the police uncovered fingerprints - there was a print - but it didn't match *anyone* living in Gladerock! Now, why would an outsider come to Gladerock and slice open your painting!?
- You heard a rumor Character P was part of the Russian Mafia. You heard this from Myrtle Wineboggler at the *Gladerock Nail Salon*. She's probably just senile and has an over-active imagination.

#### POST-MURDER:

- The cause of death can be one of two things. However, the injuries on the neck don't look that serious to you. You've seen a lot of crime dramas on television, and it always looks worse than that if strangulation is the cause of death!
- There are two crimes but they are not necessarily related. You should sleuth the information carefully.
- You were in the party room the entire time.

## ROUND THREE SOLUTION CARDS

**Everyone will receive a round three solution clue card in the purchased game. Names removed to minimize spoilers, but do not read if you wish to keep the surprise.**

### FINAL SOLUTION ROUND

#### *Character S*

**READ WHEN YOU ARE TOLD IT IS YOUR TURN.**

The victim was a rotten client of Dorie's Day Spa, but I'm definitely not the murderer! Did I want him/her to evaporate from the planet instantaneously? Of course! And I got my wish, so I'm happy, but I didn't do it or have anything to do with it!

**CHARACTER B IS NEXT TO READ HIS/HER SOLUTION**

**Each player will have a mystery investigation sheet in the purchased game.**

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**'WINE-RELATED MOVIE CHALLENGE'**

**WINE-Y RAP CONTEST:**

**SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE CONTEST**

*Courtesy of: The Official Party Host Handbook.*

**OPTIONAL MONEY CHALLENGE DURING THE GAME**

**Instructions included in the purchased game.**

# **WINE TASTING SUGGESTIONS**

**Instructions included in the purchased game.**

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# WINE-ICIONARY

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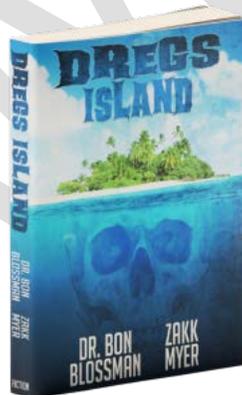
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- Pinterest site link for this game – more DIY food and party décor: <https://www.pinterest.com/mymysteryparty/wine-tasting-murder-mystery-murder-mystery-party/>
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