Venue and catering

The chosen venue for the post-doctoral party is often a restaurant, in which case the staff may assist you to select what to serve. It is recommended to request for quotations for different alternatives to avoid unpleasant surprises regarding quality and price.

The dinner usually includes a starter, main course, dessert and coffee or tea. The post-doctoral party starts typically with an aperitif, which may be sparkling wine, some other wine, or a cocktail. There should also be a non-alcoholic option available. Wine and water are usually served with dinner.

There are thousands of different varieties of wine, so it is impossible to take into account all individual preferences of your guests, but there should always be both white and red wine.

The wine should not be selected according to the food, so that for example, white wine is served only with a fish course and red wine with meat. Usually guests drink the same wine throughout the dinner, so forcing them to drink specific wines would be impolite. Some people may be allergic to red wines, particularly to the tannin they contain.

There may also be an appetizer served along with food. Coffee and tea are usually served along with cognac and liquor.