

Pinot Noir

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INT. WEDDING RECEPTION - NIGHT

Ellie (16) and Mia (22) sit at a table in the back corner of the room and observe their other family members as they mill about. The table is empty apart from the two of them. Mia moves to a chair closer to Ellie and offers her some of her glass of wine. Ellie accepts.

ELLIE

Where's your plus one?

MIA

David? Oh, I kinda made him up.
Yeah, I don't actually know anyone
named David.

ELLIE

Oh. You made him up to get Grammy
and Grandpa off your back about
"settling down with a nice young
man"?

MIA

Yeah, something like that.

Aunt Susan and Uncle Bill walk past Ellie and Mia's table and wave. Ellie and Mia straighten up. Ellie quickly pushes the glass of wine towards Mia. Once Aunt Susan and Uncle Bill walk away, Ellie takes back the glass of wine and Mia continues.

MIA (CONT'D)

God-- I wish I didn't feel like I
was being watched all the time.

ELLIE

Yeah, I know. This family is like
Big Brother.

MIA

I feel like their always breathing
down my neck, you know. Waiting for
me to fuck up.

ELLIE

Come on M, forget about the family.
Here.

Ellie slides the glass of wine back towards Mia.

ELLIE (CONT'D)

Drink some more wine and go dance
with one of the groomsmen.

(MORE)

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ELLIE (CONT'D)

You're entitled to have a bit of
fun at this wedding too, you know.

MIA

Thanks, but I don't find any of the
groomsmen to be particularly
attractive.

ELLIE

Stop being lame. What are weddings
for if not to have a good time? All
that lovey-dovey stuff, that's all
bullshit.

MIA

I don't think it's bullshit.

ELLIE

Really? So- family expectations
aside- when would you wanna get
married?

MIA

(hesitant)

As soon as Sarah lets me marry her.

Ellie looks at Mia, completely shocked. Mia looks at
Ellie bracing for her response. After a moment of
silence--

ELLIE

So... That's why you made David up?

Mia nods.

ELLIE (CONT'D)

(rambling)

Am I the only one who knows? I'm
the first person in the family you
told? Who's Sarah? Is she pretty?
Does she approve of pineapple on
pizza? Because if she doesn't then
I'm not allowing you to marry her.

MIA

Yes and yes. Sarah is my girlfriend
and we been dating for two years
and she is very pretty and she
approves of pineapple on pizza.

ELLIE

Oh, and...Can I be one of your
bridesmaids? Just please don't put
me in some hideous dress that's
mucus colored.

3.

Mia and Ellie laugh together.

MIA

OH, no, I wouldn't. You can trust
me. And thanks... For not, you
know..

ELLIE

What? Disowning you? Please, you're
the only other sane person in this
family.

Mia reaches for the glass of wine and finishes the glass in
a few gulps. Mia stands up and extends her hand towards
Ellie. Ellie takes Mia's hand and Mia leads her to the
dance floor.

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