

Couple Gets Jailed for Stealing \$1.7 Million Worth of Wine

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. Former (Adjective) /'fɔːrmər/ having previously been something
Example: Kyoto is the former capital of Japan.
2. Jail (Verb) /dʒeɪl/ to put someone in prison
Example: He was jailed for stealing a car and spent nine months in prison.
3. Course (Noun) /kɔːrs/ a dish, or a set of dishes served together, forming one part of the meal
Example: I think I'll order the vegetable soup for my starter and the steak for my main course.
4. Tour (Noun) /tʊr/ a short visit to or around a place
Example: We took a guided tour of the museum.
5. Cellar (Noun) /'selər/ a room under a building, usually used for storing things
Example: The restaurant's wine cellar houses rare and expensive bottles from all over the world.
6. Manage (Verb) /mænɪdʒ/ to succeed in achieving, dealing with, surviving, etc. something difficult
Example: Megan managed to quit smoking with the help of nicotine patches.



A former Mexican beauty queen and her partner have been jailed in Spain for stealing wine worth around \$1.7 million. In October 2021, Priscila Lara Guevara checked into the Atrio hotel in western Spain with a false Swiss passport. Her Romanian-Dutch partner, Constantin Dumitru, joined her later for a 14-course dinner in the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant before taking a tour of the wine cellar.

Just after 2 a.m., Guevara called reception from her room asking for a salad. The receptionist thought it was strange she was asking for salad after a 14-course meal, and didn't want to go to her room because he was alone at reception. However, she kept asking, so he brought her the salad. And while he was away, Dumitru went to reception and stole a key card. But it was the wrong key card, so Guevara called reception again, now asking for a dessert.

On his second visit to reception, Dumitru managed to get the right key. He then went to the wine cellar and took 45 bottles of very expensive wine. The couple left the hotel at 5 a.m. with three bags filled with wine bottles — and then they left Spain.

An international police search found the couple nine months later as they were crossing from Montenegro into Croatia. Now Guevara will be jailed for four years, and her partner for four-and-a-half years. They will also have to pay around \$800,000 to insurers. The wine, however, has still not been found.

DISCUSSION

1. What are your thoughts on Guevara and Dumitru's crime?
2. What do you imagine Guevara and Dumitru did with the wine they stole?
3. Do you think four years in jail is an appropriate punishment for this crime?
4. Do you drink wine? If so, have you ever tried a particularly expensive bottle?
5. What's the first thing you'd buy if you won \$1.7 million?