

A Vintner

Non-Specific Humans Bakers every Man the Company an Anti-christian Cheat
his Neighbour a Jesuit

Proper Names Apelles

Mythological Figures Christ

Animals Birds

[double rule]

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H²ANGS out his Bufh to fhew he has not
good Wine ; for that, the Proverb fays, needs it not. If wine were as neceffary as
Bread, he would ftand in the Pillory for felling
falfe Meafure, as well as Bakers do for falfe
Weight ; but fince it is at every Man's Choice
to come to his Houfe or not, thofe that do, are
guilty of half the Injuries he does them, and
he believes the reft to be none at all, becaufe
no Injury can be done to him, that is willing
to take it. He had rather fell bad Wine, than
good that ftands him in no more, for it makes
Men fooner drunk, and then they are the eafier
over-reckoned. By the Knaveries he acts
above-board, which every Man fees, one may
eafily take a Meafure of thofe he does under
Ground in his Cellar ; for he that will pick
a Man's Pocket to his Face, will not ftick to
ufe him worfe in private when he knows no-

thing of it. When he has poifoned his
Wines he raifes his Price, and to make amends
for that abates his Meafure, for he thinks it

a greater Sin to commit Murder for small Gains, than a valuable Consideration. He does not only spoil and destroy his Wines, but an ancient reverend Proverb, with brewing and racking, that says, In vino veritas, for there is no Truth in his, but all false and sophisticated ; for he can counterfeit Wine as cunningly as Apelles did Grapes, and cheat Men with it, as he did Birds. He brings every Bottle of Wine he draws to the Bar, to confess it to be a Cheat, and afterwards puts himself upon the Mercy of the Company. He is an Antichristian Cheat ; for Christ turned Water into Wine, and he turns Wine into Water. He scores all his reckonings upon two Tables made like those of the ten Commandments, that he may be put in Mind to break them as oft as possibly he can ; especially that of stealing and bearing false Witnesses against his Neighbour, when he draws him bad Wine and swears it is good, and that he can take more for the Pipe than the Wine will yield him by the Bottle, a Trick that a Jesuit taught him to cheat his

own Conscience with. When he is found to over-reckon notoriously, he has one common Evasion for all, and that is to say it was a Mistake, by which he means, that he thought they had not been sober enough to discover it ; for if it had passed, there had been no Error at all in the Case.
