

# Did Epicurus Commit Suicide Due To His Disease? (Merger of Two Threads On When Voluntary Death Makes Sense)

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Very interesting!

Quote

So then, what of Pliny's reference to Roman *Falernian* wine lighting with a flame ([Natural History 14.8](#))? Or Plutarch's description of Alexander the Great's wine drinking contest where more than 40 men died from excessive consumption ([Life of Alexander 70.1](#))?

The facts of that article are very interesting, but its argument in conclusion that it is false to suppose that ancient wine was stronger than modern wine seems very poorly argued to me. I suppose it's saying "as a general rule" and maybe that's fair, but the conclusion itself seems overbroad to me.