

**Drinkin' Wine**  
**Sonny Terry & Brownie McGhee < Stick McGhee**

*Stick did this song in F, Sonny & Brownie do it in G (although his guitar is capoed at the 3rd fret, so he's basically playing E - A - B again). I'd suggest playing it either in E, or in G either with the capo or using a barre chord + a 7th or 9th for the IV & V (which in G would be C7/C9 and D7/D9). Regardless of how you choose to do it, the chords are still I - IV - V, and will be marked as such below.*

I  
Down in New Orleans where everything's fine - All them cats are drinkin' that wine  
Drinkin' that mess is their delight - When they get drunk they start singin' all night

IV  
Drinkin' wine - spo-dee-o-dee drink wine -- *mop, mop*

I  
Wine - spo-dee-o-dee drink wine -- *mop, mop*

V IV  
Wine - spo-dee-o-dee drink wine -- *mop it up*  
V IV I (plus a V for the turnaround)  
Pass that bottle to me

Drinkin' that mess is their delight - When they get drunk they start fightin' all night  
Knockin' out windows & breakin' down doors - Drinkin' half a gallon then callin' for more

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Bridge:

I  
Wine, wine, wine - Eldeberry  
Wine, wine, wine - Port & Sherry  
IV  
Wine, wine, wine - Blackberry  
I  
Wine, wine, wine - Half & Half / Boone's Farm  
V IV  
Wine, wine, wine  
V IV I (plus a V on the turnaround)  
Oh Pass that bottle to me

If you wanna get along in a New Orleans town - Buy some wine and pass it all around  
Age runs up four to nine - All them cats they love sweet wine

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Down on Rampart Street in Willie's Den - They wasn't drinkin' nothin' but a little gin  
One cat wanted a bottle of wine - He hit that cat for a dollar & a dime

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Well I've got a nickel have you got a dime? - Let's get together & get some wine  
Some buys a fifth & some buys a quart - When you buy sherry now you're doin' things smart<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Personally, I think it's much more logical to sing "But when you buy it by the gallon you're doin' things smart" ... since the line is talking about the volume purchased .... but that's a personal interpretation.