

A WINE LOVER'S CRUISE

Vine voyages

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The world's wine growing regions are as diverse as they are beautiful, offering very different experiences to intrepid oenophiles. SEA+I explores the best cruising grounds to pair with visits to vineyards while chartering a superyacht.

Why not take off on a cruise that delivers an intriguing insight into a fascinating industry? Combining stunning scenery with gastronomic excellence at every turn of your wine-lovers' itinerary, you simply step ashore, get into a waiting limousine and are whisked off to some of the finest chateaux and vineyards of the respective area. Your captain, or charter broker, will arrange everything for you in advance to create a bespoke itinerary. This will include plenty of wine tastings, guided tours of vineyards, meeting winemakers and sommeliers – not to mention browsing the cellars of the most acclaimed vineyards and restaurants.

Evenings will hold just as much to look forward to, with delicious meals on board that are specially prepared to complement the wines you have tasted or bought that day. You may also choose to dine ashore in the best restaurants of the area which, it goes without saying, have the most exquisite and sought-

after wines in the world. The following are just a few suggested wine tasting regions and vineyards across the globe that are accessible by yacht.

For many, touring vineyards during a superyacht cruise has great appeal. Since everything is bespoke to you and all the elements that are important to you are incorporated into your itinerary – whether that's relaxing on board, fun ashore, trips to places of interest, like vineyards, watersports, shopping – or simply exploring the natural habitat of your destination. If your guests or charter party are interested in something in particular – be it culture, cuisine, sport, history or wildlife, for example – we can tailor your itinerary to bring you the best of what you love most.

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CHÂTEAU LAFITE | PROVENCE

Côte d'Azur

While chartering along the Côte d'Azur step ashore to Château Lafite Rothschild.

The estate is the most elegant of the great Médoc wines and Lafite is the largest of all the first growths, with a surface area of 440 acres. Wine has been produced here since the 13th century, but it became popular in 1755 when the Marquis de Ségur introduced Lafite to Louis XV's court, thus becoming the 'wine of kings'. A guided tour through the history, growth and production affords an invaluable insight into what makes each wine a legend and how best to optimise your experience of each bottle. »

IMAGE Wine has been produced at Château Lafite since the 13th century

FEUDI DI SAN GREGORIO | CAMPANIA

Amalfi Coast

No other country has more to offer in terms of indigenous grape varieties and off-the-beaten-track wine regions than Italy.

Just an hour from Naples lies the region of Taurasi, where stunning, powerful wines from the grape Aglianico are produced. Another highly recommended white is Fiano d'Avellino, which is rich, yet refreshing, with notes of peach and herbs. An excellent producer is Feudi di San Gregorio. The beautiful vineyards are spread out over lush hills in Sorbo Serpico, about an hour from Naples and Mount Vesuvius. The winery itself has its roots in the ancient varieties and traditions of Campania, which it combines with the new state-of-the-art wine cellars ensuring each vintage comes as close to perfection as possible. The modern winery is seriously stylish with a dramatic and atmospherically lit barrique cellar, a wine tasting room, wine bar and restaurant, where you can enjoy a late lunch after a wine tasting and tour of the vineyard. »

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CLEARVIEW ESTATE | HAWKE'S BAY

New Zealand

Most people know Marlborough, in the north of New Zealand's South Island, as the Sauvignon Blanc capital of the world.

In fact, it almost looks like one giant vineyard. But even better situated for visitors on superyachts are the vineyards at Hawke's Bay. The Estate grows 11 grape varieties from 19.4 hectares (48 acres) of Te Awanga vineyards. The Hawke's Bay area is one of New Zealand's finest producers due to fresh breezes that help moderate the heat at the height of summer and also help prevent frost in winter. Celebrated for its Red Shed restaurant, one of the earliest restaurants on the island with a winery, the Clearview Estate offers a complete package for a boutique winery. »

IMAGE New Zealand's Hawke's Bay area is one of the finest wine producing regions in the country, and is where you will find the Clearview Estate and the Red Shed restaurant – a perfect place to stop while cruising North Island



HALL WINES | NAPA VALLEY

California

The world capital of wine tourism is the Napa Valley in California. An hour north of San Francisco, the vineyards have wine tasting down to a fine art.

One of the finest is the HALL Estate. Comprising two estates, the main location is at St Helena, which primarily produces Cabernet Sauvignon, and the Rutherford estate located off the Silverado Trail, which is the site of HALL's 100 point Sacrashe vineyard winery. The former features a state-of-the-art Gold LEED certified winemaking facility and tasting room; the beautiful historic Bergfeld building, and an impressive modern art collection; while the latter boasts a magnificent chandelier room and caves.

IMAGE HALL St. Helena is an impressive facility that welcomes guests for tastings

