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2026 WINE GUIDE

Wine Regions of the World

France

WINE REGION	TOURS	SIGNATURE GRAPES	WINE HIGHLIGHTS	REGIONAL WINE HERITAGE
Bordeaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paris, Dordogne & Bordeaux • Bordeaux, Paris & The Seine 	Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot Sauvignon Blanc	From bold red blends to sweet whites and cellar-worthy vintages, each sip delivers standout character.	Iconic region – Home to vineyards since Roman times, this storied region stands as a global benchmark for fine wine.
Côtes du Rhône	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Belle Vie: The Rhone, Geneva & the Riviera • French Escapade: Paris to the Riviera • Savoring France: Paris, Lyon & Provence 	Grenache Syrah Mourvèdre	This region is home to red, white, and rosé wines that are admired for their versatility and impressive value.	Iconic region – Defined by its balance of tradition and accessibility, this region is shaped by its historic crus and villages.
Alsace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhine Enchantment, Amsterdam to Milan • The Romantic Rhine: Amsterdam to Basel 	Riesling Gewürztraminer Pinot Gris Muscat	Unlike most of France, Alsace labels its aromatic whites by grape, not place. The region's four key grapes define the expressive and bold flavors of the wines.	Popular region – Established in 1953, this 170km route winds through medieval villages and hillside vineyards, rich with Franco-German heritage.
Loire Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Normandy, Brittany, Paris & the Loire Valley 	Sauvignon Blanc Chenin Blanc Melon de Bourgogne Cabernet Franc	Constantly captivating visitors with their wines' distinctive fruit flavors, the Loire Valley is loved by many.	Popular region – Known as the "Garden of France," the Loire Valley has been a cradle of viticulture since Roman times.

Italy, the Mediterranean & the Adriatic

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Tuscany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Week In... Tuscany & Umbria • The Elegant Art of Italy: Lake Como to Rome • Classic Italy • Tuscany, Cinque Terre & the Portofino Coast • A Week In... Venice, Florence & Rome 	<p>Sangiovese Cabernet Sauvignon</p>	<p>Where rustic charm meets bold Tuscan innovation – Chianti and Brunello shine in this celebrated region.</p>	<p>Iconic region – With roots tracing back to the Etruscans, Tuscany is storied with Italian winemaking.</p>
Piedmont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Week In... Piedmont 	<p>Barbera Dolcetto Nebbiolo</p>	<p>Savor the range of Piedmont's reds – versatile and age-worthy elegance.</p>	<p>Popular region – Even through periods of isolation, Piedmont has preserved its deep-rooted viticultural traditions.</p>
Sicily	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Sicilian Odyssey • Sicily, the Amalfi Coast & Rome • Treasures of the Mediterranean Isles 	<p>Nero d'Avola Frappato Grillo Carricante</p>	<p>From bold reds to crisp whites, elegant sparklers to fortified Marsala – this region offers remarkable variety.</p>	<p>Emerging region – Blending tradition with innovation, Sicily leads in organic viticulture while honoring its indigenous roots.</p>
Nemea (Peloponnese)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasures of the Aegean • Hidden Greece 	<p>Agiorgitiko</p>	<p>A hidden gem crafting crisp wines, refined reds, vibrant sparklers, and indulgent sweet wines.</p>	<p>Emerging region – Nemea is one of Greece's most historic and productive wine areas with history from the Roman era.</p>
Konavle Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venice & the Dalmatian Coast • Adriatic Treasures: Croatia to Venice 	<p>Malvasija Dubrovacka Plavac Merlot Cabernet Sauvignon</p>	<p>Sun-drenched reds from mountain-lined Adriatic vineyards balance with warmth with refreshing crispness.</p>	<p>Emerging region – Dating to the Roman era, this region's small family producers honor the past by reviving native grapes and traditional methods.</p>

Central Europe

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Mosel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romantic Capitals: Paris to Prague • The Rhine and Moselle 	Riesling	Discover mineral-driven whites with subtle sweetness and refined elegance.	Emerging region – As one of Europe's oldest wine regions, its steep riverbanks still reflect the legacy of Roman viticulture.
Mittelrhein Wine Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhine River Cruise Brussels • Rhine Connoisseur: Lake Geneva to Belgium 	Riesling Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir)	Steep Rhine terraces produce aromatic whites brimming with bright acidity and stone minerality.	Emerging region – The Mittelrhein is one of Germany's most scenic wine regions – dotted with castles, vineyards, and medieval towns.
Wachau Valley, Austria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Blue Danube • Heart of the Danube: Bavaria to Budapest 	Grüner Veltliner Riesling	A picturesque region crafting ripe, age-worthy wines – one of Europe's best-kept flavor secrets.	Emerging region – A UNESCO World Heritage Site along the Danube, Wachau has produced wine since Celtic and Roman times – renowned for its steep terraced vineyards and high quality.
Villány, Hungary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Blue Danube • Heart of the Danube: Bavaria to Budapest 	Kékfrankos (Blaufränkisch) Cabernet Franc Merlot Portugieser	An emerging star known for spicy Cabernet Franc and refined red blends.	Emerging region – With a strong Austro-Hungarian and Ottoman influence, this is one of Hungary's oldest – and foremost – red wine regions.
Lavaux, Switzerland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhine River Cruise Brussels • Rhine Connoisseur: Lake Geneva to Belgium 	Chasselas (white) Pinot Noir Gamay	Known for crisp, mineral-driven white wines, especially from Chasselas, which reflect the steep, sun-soaked, terraced vineyards along Lake Geneva. Reds are light and aromatic.	A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Lavaux's vineyard terraces were built by monks in the 11th century. The region has a deep winemaking tradition and is one of Switzerland's most scenic and culturally significant wine areas with stunning views, wine cellars, and tasting stops along the lakefront hillsides.

Iberian Peninsula

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Douro Valley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villages and Vintages: Cruising the Douro River Valley Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid 	Touriga Nacional Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo) Touriga Franca	Birthplace of Port and rising star for bold, dry reds, the Douro yields intense, cellar-worthy wines.	Popular region – Central to Portugal's wine heritage, this is one of the world's oldest demarcated regions – established in 1756.
Vinho Verde, Portugal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Villages and Vintages: Cruising the Douro River Valley Exploring the Douro, plus Lisbon & Madrid 	Alvarinho (Albariño) Loureiro Arinto	Perfect for warm days, this region's whites are light, crisp, and refreshingly easy to drink.	Emerging region – Translating to “green wine,” this name refers to the region's lush landscape, rather than the color of the wine.
Rioja	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Spain: Barcelona to Porto 	Tempranillo Garnacha	Explore smooth, oak-aged reds with rich layers of depth and complexity.	Popular region – Shaped by Bordeaux traditions, Rioja is Spain's first officially regulated wine region.

North America

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Traverse Wine Coast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michigan's Lakes & Mackinac Island 	Riesling Pinot Noir Chardonnay Cabernet Franc	With a reputation for sparkling and ice wines, this emerging region also delivers crisp, aromatic whites worth discovering.	Emerging region – This region boasts a moderated climate ideal for grape-growing, due to its proximity to Lake Michigan, and has been an emerging wine region since the 70s.

Worldwide Selections

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Marlborough, New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grand Australia & New Zealand • New Zealand: A North & South Island Adventure 	Sauvignon Blanc Pinot Noir	Marlborough's zesty Sauvignon Blanc revolutionized the grape with its bold, vibrant character.	Iconic region – Gaining global recognition in the 1980s, Marlborough is recognized as a modern wine success story.
Valle de Millahue, Chile	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essence of South America 	Cabernet Sauvignon Carménère Sauvignon Blanc Chardonnay	Once native to Bordeaux, Carménère now thrives here – producing wines that are vivid, expressive, and full of life.	Popular region – Wine production in Colchagua Valley began in the 1500s with Spanish missionaries, but it was the French influence of the 1800s that established Chile as a haven for Old World vines.
Cape Winelands, South Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Odyssey: South Africa, Botswana & Zimbabwe • South Africa: An Elegant Adventure • Spotlight on South Africa and Victoria Falls 	Chenin Blanc Pinotage Cabernet Sauvignon Syrah	A fusion of Old World elegance and New World flair, this region shines with bold reds, crisp whites, and signature Pinotage.	Emerging region – Wine production began in the 1650s with Dutch settlers, and today the winelands remain the historic and cultural heart of South African winemaking.