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Wine And Wanderlust: Four Must-See Wineries In Montalcino, Italy



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As the world reawakens and travel calls, wine lovers can set sights on no better destination than a region of Italy steeped in traditions that have been honed and crafted in alignment with present-day innovations. Naturally protected atop a stunning hill surrounded by dense forest, Montalcino is one of the richest

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agricultural terroirs in the world, with a thriving ecosystem, vibrant culture, and extremely low unemployment rates. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2004, Montalcino hosts ideal conditions for producing the highest quality wines and the most authentically luxurious cultural experiences. The region is best known for the Brunello, which has become an internationally recognized symbol for fine Italian wine, but there is so much more to discover within the [Consorzio del Vino Brunello di Montalcino](#) (founded in 1967) which now includes 208 wine growing estates. The consortium's brand values "quality instead of quantity, defense of biodiversity, promotion and social responsibility," according to Fabrizio Bindocci, Chairman of the consortium. To jumpstart your dive into this historic region, here is a tour in words and pictures of four wineries sure to enchant and delight.

Castiglion Del Bosco



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Nestled in the luscious UNESCO-listed Val d'Orcia Natural Park, [Castiglion del Bosco](#) is a 5,000-acre country estate founded by Massimo and Chiara Ferragamo. The 800-year-old estate comprises the ancient castle ruins, a medieval church, and the Borgo, a historic village that is now the beating heart of the [Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco Resort](#).

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The estate also embraces the historic Brunello di Montalcino winery, which was one of the 25 founders of the Consortium of Brunello back in 1967, and The Club, the only private golf club in Italy with a stunning 18-hole golf course, designed by the legendary Tom Wisekopf, and reserved for members only.

A superb culinary destination, the resort features two outstanding restaurants, an organic kitchen garden, and a cooking school. Executive Chef Matteo Temperini creates refreshingly simple dishes that respect and embody local culinary traditions. The resort's 42 Suites and 11 fully self-contained Villas exude harmony, with antique furniture and intimate nooks, handcrafted textiles and exposed wooden beams, all enhanced by elegantly modern comforts.

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Last but not least, guests may join the Millecento Wine Club, one of the most exclusive clubs in the wine world, by invitation only, where they can enjoy private events and special tastings in Tuscany and all over the world. The winery and private golf club remained open, and the hotel will reopen on June 2nd for your escape to a world set apart.

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