

A GRAPE NIGHT'S SLEEP

LUXE WINERIES THAT ACCOMMODATE BEYOND THE TASTING ROOM. BY SHIRA LEVINE

Sleeping where you drink doesn't necessarily mean you're a well-pickled grifter, but the warm buzz from a few glasses of pinot noir undoubtedly nudges most of us into a deep rest. When spending a snug few nights within a winery, exclusivity, top-notch amenities and epic landscapes combine to make a sensational bottle taste that much better.

We got our teeth red to bring you three of our favorite winery refuges, encouraging you to toss the keys on the mahogany table, stay the night, and wake up to a crisp sparkling white... for breakfast!

CASTELLO DEL TREBBIO IN PONTASSIEVE, ITALY



Anyone can drink good wine in Italy, but not everyone can say they've clinked glasses *and* spent the night in a medieval castle. Located atop the San Brigida

hills roughly a half-hour from Florence, the castle-turned-mansion villa is surrounded by lush grape vines, olive groves and saffron crocuses.

Trebbio offers a subtle modernity while respecting history and tradition. (Castles are made of stone and get cold, so central heating and electricity are *fêted*

where they can be found!) The castle tower that once protected the fortress still stands, but now serves as a welcoming entry. The estate warden, although retired, still greets guests in traditional clothing, and the dungeons with their once murderous hooks remain to hold Chianti hostage in Trebbio's wine cellar. The cave-like restaurant is a relatively recent addition, whose dishes enhance the celebrated Riesling/pinot grigio blend and the aforementioned Chianti.

Built by the Pazzi family, Renaissance-era Florentine bankers, the castle first changed hands in the 14th-century after a bloody clash with the Medici clan. But today, romance is the main focus on Trebbio's 800 acres. The property hosts many a bride and groom from around the world, as well as those seeking a fairy tale setting for any occasion.

The villa is separated into three apartments, each rustic and cozy with its own patio, private garden and swimming pool. (Those who plan to cook or bring a chef should request the one previously occupied by the owners; it has the most modern appliances.)

Guests can arrange activities like Italian language courses, painting or cooking classes and horseback riding. Hiking and biking trails lined with chestnut trees and olive groves lead from the villa to the lake and the local village.



JORDAN WINERY IN HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA



The picturesque roads that snake through northern California's wine country don't just lead to Napa and Sonoma. About an hour northwest is Healdsburg, an insider's

enclave. Filled with fab foodie spots, the town is rich with wineries that reap their fruits from the crossings of the Russian River, Dry Creek and Alexander Valleys.

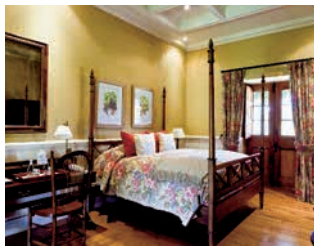
Within that dynamic topography lies the 1,500-acre, family-owned Jordan Winery. Tastings are open to anyone with a palate, but a night's stay within the 18th century-esque chateau (actually built 37 years ago for a reported \$15 million) is only for oenophiles in Jordan's loyalty program. Earn reward points through the purchase of two award-winning wines, a cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay that have impressed chefs and sommeliers since 1976.

Built by the architects responsible for George Lucas' Skywalker Ranch, the chateau includes seven unique rooms, each with high wood-beamed ceilings, red tiled floors and authentic Louis XIII antiques. Below the suites is the regal dining room and Chef Todd Knoll's kitchen, where he and his hospitality director wife Nitsa marry epicurean innovation with tradition using the freshest ingredients from the plentiful garden outside. Fava greens, cremini mushrooms and haricots verts are just a few of the treats served on Baccarat crystal and Madeira linens to overnight guests like Bono, Pierce Brosnan and Michael Mina.

After dinner, the lucky are invited to enjoy a glass (or two) in CEO John Jordan's private 1920s-style hangar. Besides a bar, pool table and vintage shuffleboard, he keeps his bright yellow piper cub plane and a museum quality collection of World War I and II-era memorabilia on display to dazzle those who wander in.



MATETIC WINERY IN CASABLANCA VALLEY, CHILE



The Casablanca Valley, a midway point between Valparaiso and Santiago, is a wine region just 11 miles from the water, bathed in cool breezes and morning fogs from

the Pacific. The result: a 'premium cool valley' where chardonnay and sauvignon blanc vines can thrive.

Just southwest of Casablanca is the futuristic-looking Matetic Winery, discreetly tucked into the slope of a hillside within the San Antonio Valley. Pioneering 21st-century enotourism, the avant-garde property features a dramatic oval barrel cellar and two swish tasting rooms replete with a waterfall.

Try the organic pinot noir, syrah, sauvignon blanc and chardonnay within the gleaming wood and glass winery, then take a short drive to the elegant yet rustic La Casona. The traditional colonial-style *estancia* and *hacienda* is also a working family ranch and vineyard that sits on 27,000 acres hugging the Rosario Valley.

The adobe guesthouses are chic and stylish thanks to a 2004 renovation. Seven rooms are each named after a wine and enhanced with a private terrace. They boast four-poster beds, and rich damask curtains that flank windows with views of palm trees and verdant wild gardens (though the views from the swimming pool are some of the most staggering).

Dining options include the gourmet restaurant Equilibrio or a private chef who prepares indulgent breakfasts and dinners. Organic and sustainable is the agenda, so guests can expect mostly handcrafted ingredients, from homemade breads and sheep's milk cheeses to honeys and jams made from grape, fig, papaya and pomegranate trees growing on the land. (There's even a family-run cheese operation to tour on the property!)