

TRAVEL GUIDE



*5 Architecturally Stunning
Wineries to Visit Before You Die*

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Discover the perfect union of wine and design. These five wineries are more than tasting rooms they're architectural icons that elevate every sip.



1. Bodegas Ysios – Rioja, Spain

Architect: Santiago Calatrava

Design Vibe: Undulating roof that mimics the Sierra de Cantabria mountains

What to Taste: Tempranillo Reserva

Why Visit: This winery combines avant-garde architecture with rich Rioja tradition. The reflective facade changes with the light, creating a different experience at every hour.

Travel Tip: Visit near sunset to see the building's shimmer gold perfect photo.

Hidden Gem: Their lesser-known barrel-fermented white Rioja.

2. Antinori nel Chianti Classico – Tuscany, Italy

Architect: Archea Associati

Design Vibe: Earth-integrated modernism, barely visible from afar

What to Taste: Marchese Antinori Chianti Classico Riserva

Why Visit: This gravity-flow winery blends into the rolling Tuscan hills. The terracotta hues and spiral staircase visit feel cinematic.

Travel Tip: Book the rooftop restaurant for a view of the vineyards at golden hour.

Hidden Gem: Try the Tignanello if available a cult favorite.

3. Marqués de Riscal – Elciego, Spain

Architect: Frank Gehry

Design Vibe: Metallic ribbons in pink, silver, and gold swirling above a traditional stone building

What to Taste: Baron de Chirel Reserva

Why Visit: Gehry's bold design turns this 19th-century winery into a surreal, luxurious escape.

Travel Tip: Stay at the on-site Hotel Marqués de Riscal for a full sensory experience.

Hidden Gem: The private library wine tastings for a deep dive into their history.

4. Mission Hill Family Estate – British Columbia, Canada

Architect: Olson Kundig

Design Vibe: Cloister-like courtyards and bell towers with dramatic lake views

What to Taste: Oculus Bordeaux-style blend

Why Visit: The architectural drama meets natural beauty here. It feels like walking into a wine temple.

Travel Tip: Visit in September for harvest celebrations and fall foliage.

Hidden Gem: Their art gallery and sculpture garden.

5. Château La Coste – Provence, France

Architects: Tadao Ando, Jean Nouvel, Renzo Piano (and more)

Design Vibe: Open-air museum meets biodynamic vineyard

What to Taste: Grand Vin Rosé

Why Visit: This is more than a winery it's an art and architecture pilgrimage. Each building is a collaboration between nature, wine, and global architects.

Travel Tip: Wear walking shoes this is a full-day experience.

Hidden Gem: The serene Ando Chapel tucked behind olive trees.