

The best celebrity wineries

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These days, celebrity wineries are a dime a dozen—everyone from Antonio Banderas to Nicki Minaj have slapped their name on a bottle. Whether they've actually bought a vineyard or have partnered with an esteemed vintner, actors like Brad and Angie, sports stars like Joe Montana and Dwayne Wade, and even politicians like Donald Trump and Nancy Pelosi have all set up shop in wine regions like Provence, Napa, and Bordeaux. But be warned: Star power doesn't always translate into good wine. Here, we handpicked the celebrity wines actually worth drinking this holiday season.

2. John Legend: LVE Wines (St. Helena, California)



As if making Grammy Award–winning music weren't keeping the "All of Me" crooner busy enough, earlier this month John Legend launched his very own wine label, LVE wines, in collaboration with Raymond Vineyards in St. Helena, California. Legend worked closely with iconic Burgundian vintner Jean-Charles Boisset—founder of the Boisset wine empire—and Napa-based winemaker Stephanie Putnam to create two wines inspired by his soulful music: an earthy, powerful Cabernet Sauvignon and a creamy, fruit-forward Chardonnay. The trio have already announced plans to expand the collection, but in the meantime, LVE's flagship wines are available for tasting in the Raymond Vineyards' tasting room (\$25 for a regular tasting; \$50 for a private winery tour and tasting).

Our pick: The silky **2013 LVE Cabernet Sauvignon**, rich with flavors of chocolate, blackberry, and licorice—will pair perfectly with steak and truffles.