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*It's not in wine country, but you can find wine from every country.*

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A vibrant center for art, finance, politics, culture, learning and fashion, London has long been considered Europe's most happening metropolis. It's also an international wine capital, where you can sniff out treasured bottles in historic shops, posh bars or classy eateries. You can enjoy a breakfast martini, prop up a Victorian pub counter with a pint of bitter or treat yourself to afternoon tea. Most of all, don't miss out on England's delicious sparkling wines, and hit some of the new tasting rooms just an hour outside London.



### Prominent Wines

The best English wines are definitely sparkling. Made from traditional Champagne varieties of Pinot Noir, Chardonnay and Pinot Meunier, they're bottle-fermented and crisp, tasting as fresh as spring meadows and as fragrant as hedgerows. The mild, cool climate in the southern counties of Hampshire, Sussex and Kent makes for brisk, fresh wines. Increasing time on lees creates creamy cuvées. Must-try wines are from Nyetimber, Gusbourne, Wiston Estate, Hambledon, Hattingley Valley and Ridgeview. Also look out for the pink Pinot Noir-based sparkler from Cornwall called Camel Valley. Keep your eyes open for newcomers like Mayfield, Exton Park and [Bride Valley](#).