

Wine Spectator

Uncork Your Wine with a Blowtorch or Hammer! John Legend's Three Weird Tricks

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Photo by: Tastemade

Well I've got a hammer / And I've got a bottle / And I've got a kitchen torch ...

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As **John Legend** famously sang, the crooner loves curves and edges and perfect imperfections. So what more literal way for the 10-time Grammy winner to demonstrate this than by attempting to open a wine bottle with an increasingly dangerous series of sharp, unwieldy and flamethrowing tools that are not a corkscrew!



In a video short for YouTube channel Tastemade called "Live like a Legend with John," the onetime **New York Wine Experience star** and current California vintner tests out some of the Internet's favorite wine "hacks" for getting into a wine bottle when there's no corkscrew on hand. In the two minute clip, Legend wields a pen, a kitchen torch and even a screwdriver-screw-hammer combo.

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John Legend (left) and Raymond Vineyards' Jean-Charles Boisset share some johsé time.

And in related John Legend wine news, the R&B star today announced the launch of an LVE Côtes de Provence rosé of Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah to join his California Cabernet, Chardonnay and red blend, which makes his **the second celebrity rosé to drop in as many weeks**.