



# Wine & Rest

Try these three decadent wine hotels in France on your next excursion.

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From top: Les Suites du 33 hotel sits regally on a hill in Épernay, France; the spa at 5 Terres Hotel & Spa is set inside a vaulted cellar made of Vosges sandstone; suites at Villa La Coste Hotel & Spa overlook the vineyards of Château La Coste in Provence.



Three new hotel properties in the French regions of Provence, Champagne and Alsace deliver the ultimate in wine-soaked refinement. Each destination promises to be an extraordinary wine-country stay, with vineyard views, historic settings, and prime access to special wines and tastings.

## 5 Terres Hotel & Spa, Alsace

Renaissance-era meets modern architectural elegance in this meticulously restored historic hotel along Alsace's famed wine route. Ancient wood timbers and stonework blend seamlessly with decadent touches like Hermès-quality leather sofas and a luxe spa tricked out with walls of gold leaf. Plus, the

wine bar features the finest producers in Alsace and boasts the region's largest selection of biodynamic, organic and natural wines. *Suite rates from \$388 per night, 5terres-hotel.fr*

## Les Suites du 33, Champagne

Bubbly lovers can book a luxurious stay in the heart of Épernay at Champagne de Venoge's recently opened historic chateau located on the Avenue des Champagnes, UNESCO World Heritage site. With the property's five generously styled suites (one is a full apartment), you'll feel like a privileged guest of the family, not a number on a room key. The location is steps from several of the world's most famous Champagne houses, but the best

bites and bubbly are on-site at the restaurant and wine bar, L'Écurie. *Apartment rate from \$529 per night, champagnedevenoge.com*

## Villa La Coste Hotel & Spa, Provence

Six-hundred acres of vineyards, olive groves and pristine wooded hilltops are your only neighbors at Provence's iconic Château La Coste, which is 25 minutes from Aix-en-Provence. Contemporary and stylish, each of on-site hotel's 28 suites is designed with an eye toward fresh, airy luxury. The wine classes and tasting experiences are unmatched—in fact, the winery was awarded best wine destination in France in 2015 by *La Revue du vin de France*. *Suite rates from \$705 per night, villalacoste.com*

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## FIGURE OF SPEECH

Perhaps the well-mannered folks of Atlanta Southern gem the Fox Theatre, wanted a little New York edginess when they invited author and humorist **David Sedaris** Oct. 22 for an evening of readings and Q&A about his new book, *Theft by Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)*. The only thing is... the successful author and playwright is a pretty easygoing guy. The three-time Grammy nominee and best-selling author of *Me Talk Pretty One Day* is a regular on NPR and in the pages of *The New Yorker*. Widely regarded as one of America's greatest living humorists, Sedaris avoids the graceless, snarky hostility of most pop culture comedy and examines the absurdities of modern life with a sharp wit tempered with humanity and a bit of warmth. *Tickets \$46-\$61, foxtheatre.org* —John Scott Lewinski



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