



WINE WISDOM FROM SMALL LUXURY HOTELS OF THE WORLD™

With over 520 hotels around the world, Small Luxury Hotels of the World™ (SLH) takes pride in the many epicurean experiences offered across its portfolio. Here's a round up of some of the best SLH properties for wine aficionados including: the most extraordinary wine offerings from one-of-a-kind cellars, spa treatments incorporating grapes, the opportunity to meet hoteliers turned sommeliers and introducing some of the rarest and most expensive bottles. Cheers!

SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

Woodbridge on the Derwent – Tasmania, Australia - www.slh.com/hotels/woodbridge-on-the-derwent/

Built as a grand house for the magistrate on the banks of the Derwent River in 1825, Woodbridge's location was ideal for ships sailing up the river to drop anchor and unload their cargo of goods and people, including prisoners. The convict jail under the house has since been converted into a welcoming wine cellar where guests are invited to taste a variety of Australian wines.

Cour des Loges – Lyon, France - www.slh.com/hotels/cour-des-loges/

According to legend, during the second half of the 19th century the wine cellar at Cour Des Loges was the laboratory of the famous thaumaturge, Philippe de Lyon. In the early 90s, small bottles and little boxes were found before the store was converted into a wine cellar.

Hotel Haven – Helsinki, Finland - www.slh.com/hotels/hotel-haven/

Hotel Haven's G. W. Sundmans restaurant is housed in an early 19th century Empire home adjacent to the hotel with a wine cellar that has served many purposes over the years. The vaulted room was once used as the old coal cellar for a residential home. In the late 80s and the beginning of the 90s it was a dance floor for a night club until it was rebuilt as a wine cellar that now houses an impressive collection of over 2,000 bottles of wine.

WINE IS NOT JUST FOR DRINKING

Entre Cielos – Mendoza, Argentina - www.slh.com/hotels/entre-cielos/

Located in Argentina's leading wine producing region, the signature wine treatments at the hotel's hammam invite guests to experience the magic of grapes and harness the revitalizing qualities of the vine with grape-based treatments. The *Bacchus* treatment offers full body exfoliation using grape seed, a wine bath and a nourishing grape extract facial, while the *Beneath the Grapes* experience not only uses wine in the treatments, but also finishes with a glass of the nectar.

Thalatta Seaside Hotel – Evia, Greece - www.slh.com/hotels/thalatta-seaside-hotel/

The Spa at the Thalatta Seaside features Vinotherapy, which originates from Ancient Greek and Roman cultures. Combining the science of fytocosmetic and tradition, *Syrah Grape Therapy* is a unique beauty treatment and highly effective as the syrah grape extracts help protect the skin.

The Marmara Bodrum – Bodrum, Turkey - www.slh.com/hotels/the-marmara-bodrum-hotel/

The Marmara Bodrum Spa's full body wine massage applies consumable white wine to the body for 70 minutes, after which a special glass of wine is offered to each guest. It begins with a special wine peel followed by a full-body wine mud soak and cleanse using a pure, concentrated wine formula with an aim to harness the antioxidant agents to their full potential to benefit the body.

COVETED BOTTLES FOR THE CONNOISSEUR

Lainston House Hotel – Winchester, England - www.slh.com/hotels/lainston-house-hotel/

Wine cellars are also known to house other things, as is the case at this 17th century country manor house that proudly offers its guests a collection of rare Grand Champagne Cognacs dating back to 1809 and are priced at \$20,271 USD. For something a little younger, an 1893 E. Normandin is also available for \$2,300 USD.

Brandenburger Hof Berlin – Berlin, Germany - www.slh.com/hotels/brandenburger-hof-berlin/

The Brandenburger Hof's restaurant, DIE QUADRIGA, has one of only three remaining bottles of an *1897 Steinberger Riesling Cabinet*. Curious to see what more than a century tastes like? The bottle is priced at \$19,500 USD

HOTELIERS WHO ARE HOOKED ON GRAPES

The Levin Hotel – London, England - www.slh.com/hotels/the-levin-hotel/

David and Lynne Levin have not only shared their last name with The Levin Hotel in Knightsbridge, London but also their winery, Levin Wines, in the Loire Valley, which produces award-winning wines to serve to their guests. The organically grown Sauvignon Blanc and Gamay varieties are suitably named Mister L and Madame L respectively.

Villa Spalletti Trivelli – Rome, Italy - www.slh.com/hotels/villa-spalletti-trivelli/

With a passion for wine that has been passed down many generations, the Spalletti Trivelli family's vineyards are located in a region of Umbria known for the quality of its grapes. The old Sangiovese plants are used for the production of Sariano wine, while white grapes Trebbiano and Malvasia give life to the wine Arale. Hotel guests can visit the family's vineyards to experience the flavours of a typical trattoria and view the wine-making process.

UNIQUE BY DESIGN

Baros Maldives - Male, Maldives - www.slh.com/hotels/baros-maldives-hotel/

Housing over 500 bottles, Baros Maldives' glass-paneled, walk-in wine cellar hovers over the crystal-blue lagoon of the Indian Ocean. The careful design features special panes to guarantee the quality of the wines even when exposed to direct sunshine so that the corking experience is never comprised.

Schwarzer Adler - Vogtsburg - Oberbergen, Germany - www.slh.com/hotels/schwarzer-adler/

This 14-room hotel is part of a third generation family-owned wine estate that stores its bottles in mountain cellars. Guests can tour one or all three of the tunnels that have been carved up to 110 metres into the surrounding mountains in order to create these extraordinary wine cellars. The thick stone ensures that all bottles remain at a constant temperature of 12 degrees Celsius year-round.

Santhiya Koh Phangan Resort & Spa - Koh Phangan, Thailand - www.slh.com/hotels/santhiya-koh-phangan-resort-and-spa/

This above-ground wine cellar, housed in a beautiful Thai teakwood house, rests under the shade of tropical trees and lush vegetation. Guests find themselves in a jungle paradise with access to more than 80 labels of wine from around the world, from which they can choose their favorite bottle and enjoy at one of the resort's two restaurants overlooking the sea.

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