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Grab your passport. We're going abroad. Our Passport Collection: European Vacation features seven old wines from five iconic regions and three countries. That includes the first-ever wine from Germany's legendary Weingut Egon Müller to hit the Vinovest Marketplace. Don't forget to pack light. You'll want extra room for all your new wines.



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# What Are Old World Wines?

A trip to Europe means traveling to the heart of the old world. It's a term that describes areas where modern winemaking traditions originated. That includes countries like France, Italy, and Germany that have influenced others through their wine, grapes, and techniques.

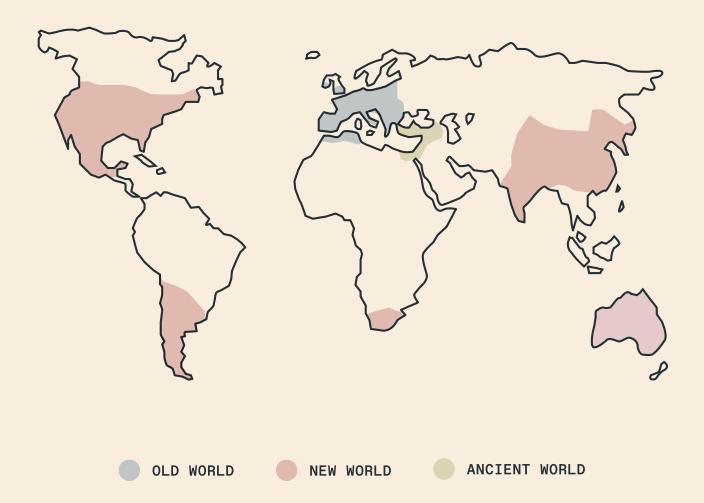
So, what makes an old world wine "old world"? Let us explain.

### 1) The Laws

Wine Folly described the laws surrounding old world wines like this; "(They) don't just follow the rules. (They) made the rules." Countries like France and Italy are known for their extensive and detailed laws about what winemakers can and cannot do. These rules cover everything from the grapes in a wine to the labeling to the length of aging.

Generally speaking, the more prestigious the old world classification, the more laws a winemaker has to follow. By comparison, new world wines have fewer regulations, giving producers less structure but more creative freedom to experiment outside the norms.

# New World vs Old World





# 2) The Flavor Profile

Old wine wines are not a monolith. However, they often share common characteristics. For instance, old world wines tend to have light bodies with high acidity, low alcohol, and less fruitiness. Conversely, new world wines are usually fuller with low acidity, high alcohol, and an almost jammy-fruitiness.

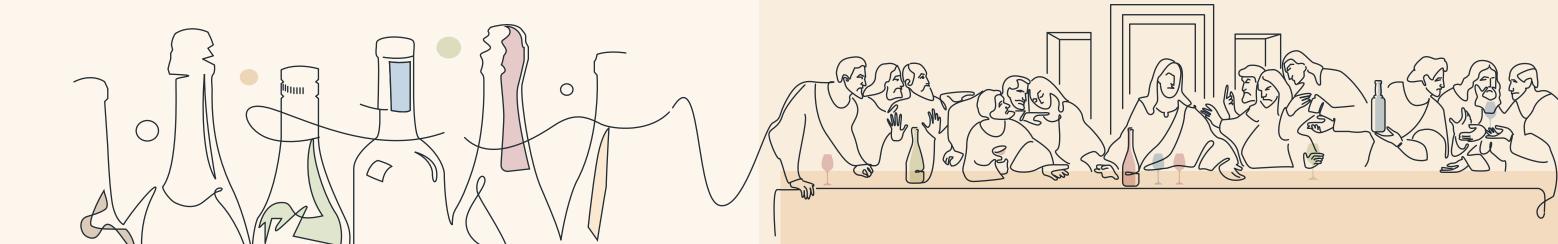
Of course, there are always exceptions to the rule. Italy belongs to the old world but doesn't neatly fit the characteristics above. Try a nebbiolio or Super Tuscan, and you'll get your fair share of fruit and fullness.

### 3) The Brand Cachet

Old world wines have enjoyed a historic brand advantage. For centuries, wine lovers thought that the only investment-worthy wines came from Europe. It wasn't until the 1976 Judgment of Paris that mainstream thinking began to change.

New world wines have strides, but that process has been slow. For instance, it wasn't until 1996 that a new world wine (Almaviva) was distributed on La Place de Bordeaux!

Translation: great wine can come from anywhere, but people still love the classics.





# What Makes French, Italian, and German Winemaking Special?

# France



Any conversation about fine wine is incomplete without France. It is the birthplace of beloved grapes like chardonnay, pinot noir, and cabernet sauvignon. The most popular French wines are often a blend of these grapes (e.g., Bordeaux and Champagne) and have helped set the standard for what great wine should be. With centuries of tradition, France has shaped the tastes and techniques of winemakers worldwide.

# Italy



Italy is a paradise for wine lovers. For starters, it is home to more than 2,000 grape varieties, the most of any country. The unparalleled diversity allows winemakers to strike the perfect balance between acidity, sugars, and aromatics. The result: award-winning offerings ranging from classically styled Barbaresco to genre-defying Super Tuscans. Italy's influence has spread to all corners of the winemaking-making world, most notably in the new world mecca of California.

# Germany



When it comes to portfolio-worthy riesling, no country does it better than Germany. More than 60% of all the world's riesling is planted there. Due to the harsh conditions, most vineyards are located on stony, mineral-rich slopes. Combine that with long sun exposure, and the German rieslings have earned a reputation for balanced fruit and minerality, naturally high acidity, and a zesty finish.

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# 2013 Dom Pérignon



Few wines, let alone Champagnes, can claim greater celebrity than Dom Pérignon. Named after the eponymous Benedictine monk, the famous fizz has been consumed by everyone from Lady Diana Spencer to the Shah of Iran and name-dropped in lyrics by 50 Cent, Billy Joel, and Azealia Banks. According to WineSearcher.com, that larger-than-life status and supreme quality have made Dom Pérignon the most sought-after Champagne in the world as of 2023.

The 2013 vintage showcases its trademark elegance, silkiness, and luxury. Bright acids form a juicy core amid swirling aromas of chalk, apricots, lemon zest, and freshly baked bread. The Champagne leads into a long, mineral-kissed finish where all the elements come together. Wine critic Alison Napjus of Wine Spectator said it best, describing 2013 Dom Pérignon as "expressive and expansive on the palate, but with a sense of finesse and restraint."

#### THE FINAL SIP:

Some trends come and go, but Dom Pérignon never goes out of style.

1996	1998	1999	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
VINTAGE								
2.10%	54.40%	56.70%	74.70%	62.70%	86.20%	60.5%	52.50%	75.20%



# 2004 Krug Vintage Brut 84,000 CASES AGING WINDOW 2018 - 2050 \* \* \* Wine

of the last five years across six vintages.

Krug stands out as the unofficial master of blended Champagne. All of its wine is made in wooden casks and undergoes malolactic fermentation, which yields a distinctive richness and complexity. Moreover, the house only releases its vintage brut following exceptional harvests. This exceedingly high standard ensures that wine lovers are rewarded with only the best when they invest in Krug.

In the words of wine critic John Gilman, "2004 Krug Brut Millésime is a superb example of the vintage." The blend aged for 12 years prior to release, and oh, what a release it was. The foundation of minerals and spice buttress dazzling notes of orchard fruit, lemon zest, dried flowers, and brioche. Krug Vintage Brut has weight and density that other Champagnes in the 2004 vintage lack, making it possible to drink in youth or hold for several decades. For those lucky enough to come across a bottle, do not hesitate.

#### THE FINAL SIP:

2004 Krug Vintage Brut outshines its peers with a spellbinding blend of complexity, tension, and poise.

1996 VINTAGE	1998 VINTAGE	2000 VINTAGE	2002 VINTAGE	2003 VINTAGE	2004 VINTAGE
48.30%	109.40%	81.1%	54.4%	66.4%	33.3%



# 2015 Pol Roger **Winston Churchill** VINTAGE QUALITY 25,000 CASES AGING WINDOW 2025 - 2045 \* \* \* Jeb Dunnuck Wine The annual return is based on the average performance of the last five years across seven vintages.

Pol Roger has long been a pillar of the Champagne community. It's one of the few remaining family-owned grand marques, a title bestowed on only the most highly regarded Champagne producers. The flagship cuvée was made for the UK's Champagne-loving prime minister, who once said of the bubbly beverage, "in victory I deserve it, and in defeat I need it!".

The 2015 Pol Roger Winston Churchill contains 60% pinot noir and 40% chardonnay. Even in youth, this brut vintage demonstrates a generous body with fragrances of apples, orange zest, brioche, chalk, and delicate mousse. Critics have compared it to the concentrated 1985 and 2012 vintages. Expect this refined Champagne only to gain complexity and depth over the next two decades.

#### THE FINAL SIP:

If this brut vintage Champagne is good enough for Winston Churchill, chances are it's good enough for your portfolio, too.

1996 VINTAGE	1998 VINTAGE	1999 VINTAGE	2000 VINTAGE	2002 VINTAGE	2004 VINTAGE	2006 VINTAGE
36.40%	90.70%	45.70%	63.9%	51.9%	46.7%	51.8%



Château d'Yquem is the only estate with a superior first growth classification and with good reason. The hallowed château has perfected the art of "noble rot," a botrytis-induced state that contributes to highly aromatic and acidic sauvignon blanc. It's one of the reasons why a vertical of Château d'Yquem once sold for a staggering \$1.5 million at auction.

The 2020 vintage features a blend of 75% sémillion and 25% sauvignon blanc. Harsh growing conditions resulted in yields one-third the size of the previous year, making the number of cases produced exceptionally small. In the glass, the white wine displays balletic grace with lively acids, elegant sweetness, and lush fruits. The 2020 Château d'Yquem is also highly expressive in its youth, making it appealing to wine experts and newcomers alike.

#### THE FINAL SIP:

Château d'Yquem is in a league of its own, and the 2020 vintage underscores why.

2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
VINTAGE									
42.8%	31.5%	8.2%	34.0%	-12.0%	-4.0%	23.7%	-1.70%	1.10%	0.70%



# 2018 Louis Jadot **Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru**

VINTAGE QUA	LITY	A+
ANNUAL RETU	IRN	9.04%
ANNUAL PROD	DUCTION:	2,700 CASES
AGING WINDO	W	2022 - 2050
RARITY		****
CRITICAL ACC	LAIM	
94 Wine Advocate	94 Tim Atkin	93 Jasper Morris
The annual return	is based on the	average performance

The house of Louis Jadot has produced portfolio-worthy wines for more than 150 years. That continued excellence has earned the estate international acclaim, making it one of the largest and most revered names in Côte d'Or. Case and point: Louis Jadot Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru treats wine lovers to a timeless combination of power, elegance, and personality.

Usually, this chardonnay has a relatively full body. That is not the case with the 2020 vintage. The estate picked the fruit early to preserve its precious acidity. The result is a complex and enticing grand cru with aromas of dried flowers and citrus and undertones of minerality and spice. Make sure to give 2018 Louis Jadot Corton Charlemagne Grand Cru at least five years for all the elements to harmonize.

#### THE FINAL SIP:

In the words of Wine Advocate's William Kelley, "This is built for the cellar and will be well worth seeking out."

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
VINTAGE									
67.80%	17.30%	21%	84.30%	-21.30%	-2%	130.80%	67.30%	81.10%	5.40%

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# 2020 Ornellaia VINTAGE QUALITY ANNUAL RETURN ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 4,000 CASES AGING WINDOW 2026 - 2050 RARITY CRITICAL ACCLAIM 97 Wine Advocate 96 Dunnuck 96 Decanter The annual return is based on the average performance

of the last five years across ten vintages.

Ornellaia belongs in the pantheon of great Italian wines. It's revered in the same way as first growth Bordeaux and California's cult cabs, consistently earning critic scores between 95 and 100. The 2020 vintage is no exception. Estate director Axel Heinz called it 'a classic Ornellaia,' with slightly less cabernet sauvignon than the previous release.

Meanwhile, Wine Advocate's Monica Larner praised the effort as "a beauty, so generous and opulent with fully seamless transitions." The red blend offers a sweeping expression of the terroir, balancing notes of fruit and oak in harmony. Moreover, the ripeness and freshness of 2020 Ornellaia capture the fruit at its apex in an earlier-ripening vintage.

#### THE FINAL SIP:

Anyone in search of a masterclass in Italian winemaking should not hesitate to grab a bottle or two of 2020 Ornellaia.

2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
VINTAGE									
26.5%	21.2%	21.2%	27.7%	49.6%	15.3%	19.50%	22.00%	17.10%	-14.30%

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# 2020 Egon Müller Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett VINTAGE QUALITY ANNUAL RETURN 17.65% ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 830 CASES AGING WINDOW 2026 - 2060 RARITY \*\*\* CRITICAL ACCLAIM The annual return is based on the average performance of the last five years across ten vintages.

When people think of world class riesling, they think of Germany, and with good reason. The country is home to more than 60% of the world's riesling vines. Due to the harsh weather, most German vineyards are located on stony, mineral-rich slopes with long sun exposure. That includes Scharzhofberg, which ranks among the most famous vineyards in the country.

The 2020 Egon Müller Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett captures the terrier of Scharzhofberg in remarkable detail. It's delicate, crisp, and refined on the palate with uplifting minerality. Wine critic James Suckling described it as "very youthful, cool and pristine, this is an extremely elegant sleek and focused Kabinett." If there is an issue for wine lovers, it's only the fact that Weingut Egon Müller produced fewer than 1,000 cases of this beloved riesling.

#### THE FINAL SIP:

Egon Müller produces some of the best - and most expensive - white wine in the world. The 2020 Egon Müller Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett shows why.

2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
VINTAGE									
75.1%	91.1%	-7.0%	103.1%	103.1%	194.40%	-10.4%	205.80%	70.20%	86.40%



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