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11 BEST HOTEL WINE CELLARS IN THE WORLD

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We love wine cellars for the same reason [speakeasies enthrall us](#). There's something unabashedly storybook about doors (ideally for the fantasist's sake "secret ones") that lead into dark caverns and undulating tunnels. These nooks lined with wine bottles as precious as rare gems evoke buried treasure, the damp chill in the air eliciting a sense of spookiness and mystery sure to raise the hairs on the back of our necks.

Enveloped within, even without tasting the wine stored for decades below ground (or in an appropriately acclimatized chambers) we sense history – the story of the place – perhaps smell the terroir, connecting deeply with the landscape. Wine cellars can be tiny, cobweb draped and cozy or cavernous, spacious and vast. They might be spare, fancy, modern or old fashioned. Meditative, enigmatic places, they summon romance and anticipation. One step within and our tastebuds tingle. Like installation [art exhibits](#), they represent a long process of creation – masterpieces that began as grapes on a vine.

Whether it's a gold-sheathed cellar in [Dubai](#), a subterranean room hewed from 13th-century old lava rock below the geothermal waters of the storied Blue Lagoon, a sleekly contemporary haven on Lake Lucerne or a cranny 50 feet below the bustling streets of [Paris](#) which once served as a quarry for rocks used to build the Arc de Triomphe, these hotel wine cellars offer unique opportunities for wine-focused guests to toast with house sommeliers.

Here's a few worth your tipple time.

CHABLÉ YUCATÁN'S CASITAS AND VILLAS, MEXICO



Credit: Chablé Yucatán's Casitas and Villas

Oenophiles have a penchant for trending Mexican wine, most of which isn't exported and can be difficult to find outside of the country. To indulge, take shelter amongst the curvilinear ceiling and mottled walls of Chablé Yucatan's wood-scented Curved Wine Cellar in Merida, Mexico. Vaunting some of the nation's best bottles, wines made with grapes such as Nebbiolo, Shiraz and Mexican Cabernets, the elegant stockpile draws wine lovers to its signature Mexican Wine Tasting experience. Tequila enthusiasts will be happy to note that the resort also embraces the world's largest private tequila collection.

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