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Explore Super Tuscan Wine Country And Its Stunning Seaside In 2022

Tuscany offers outstanding wine destinations, like the Chianti, Montalcino and Montepulciano areas south of Florence, where you can travel through camera-ready vineyard landscapes and enjoy famous vintages at their source. But no fan of superb wines should miss another key territory, where the Super Tuscans, those relatively new (since the 1970s and 80s) wines, were born. Many of the tenute, cantine and castelli of these pioneering wineries are located along or near the Etruscan Coast, one of the oldest settled parts of the Italian peninsula.

Here are some of the reasons to explore the land of the Super Tuscans, with insider suggestions from those deeply involved with the area today.



Lupicaia, made from cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot grapes, had its first vintage in 1993. COURTESY OF CASTELLO DEL TERRICCIO





In addition to Lupicaia, Castello del Terriccio produces Tassinaia from cabernet sauvignon and ... [+] COURTESY OF CASTELLO DEL TERRICCIO



Castello del Terriccio is a 1500-hectare wine and agricultural estate that marked the centennial of ... [+] COURTESY OF CASTELLO DEL TERRICCIO



It's a unique wine area to get to know. There are many wineries to visit for tastings, starting in the north at the [Castello del Terriccio](#) in Terriccio (the town of the estate), a top vintner that produces Super Tuscans like Lupicaia and Tassinaia. The 1500-hectare agricultural property, with vineyards, olive groves, fields and pastures has an enviable location amid “hills that overlook the Tyrrhenian Sea and the islands of the Tuscan archipelago, Elba, Capraia, and Gorgona,” says Giacinta Pucci Muti Bussi, who manages exports for the company.

Like many wineries in Italy, Castello del Terriccio is a multi-generation family business—this year celebrating the 100th anniversary of ownership by the Rossi di Medelana, an aristocratic family that dates its heritage in Italy to the Middle Ages. Vittorio Piozzo di Rosignano Rossi di Medelana, nephew of Gian Annibale Rossi di Medelana, a revered winemaker who first developed the company's highly-rated Lupicaia and Tassinaia, owns and manages the estate today. (Tours and tastings can be arranged by appointment with six *degustazione* options, ranging from a sampling of all four of the Castello del Terriccio's wines to a vertical tasting of three Lupicaia vintages.)

