

## Summer Wine Tasting: Why You Should Skip Napa And Bordeaux For Their Next-Door Neighbors



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Château Biac

*Château Biac in sloping Cadillac-Côtes de Bordeaux*

If you travel to wine country this summer, look to next-door wine regions to add a rich layer to your trip, or sub out widely popular spots with these lesser-known yet top-notch locations. These destinations pack cultural authenticity, a warm welcome and approachable wine for your summer vacation or upcoming dream trip.

## **Italy: Maremma**

If Tuscany is on your radar this year, chances are Chianti is on your wish list, but add a bullet point for Maremma, which is south of Florence on the Tyrrhenian Coast.

Considered to be the wild frontier of Tuscany, Maremma offers a climate similar to Sicily, but gentler. With both coastal and inland qualities, look for wines made of iconic Sangiovese and well as rich red blends and bright, lively whites.

*Wine to try if you can't make it: 2014 Rocca di Montemassi  
Calasole Vermentino*