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Oenophiles will find plenty to toast to in these dreamy, vineyard-filled regions both far and near. Pour yourself a glass, and prepare to be inspired.

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Franschhoek Wine Valley, South Africa

This mountain-fringed valley an hour outside Cape Town was settled by French Huguenots more than 300 years ago, and their gastronomic culture lives on today.

WHERE TO SIP: Sample some renowned sparkling whites—South Africa's answer to Champagne—at **Noble Hill** (*noblehill.com*) and **Babylonstoren** (*babylonstoren.com*), two stylish estates on the slopes of the Simonsberg mountains.

WHERE TO STAY: Nearly 200 acres of grapes and gardens surround **Leeu Estates** (from \$702 per night, *leeucollection*

.com), a bright 17-room manor that recently opened near the picturesque, tree-lined village of Franschhoek.

WHAT TO DO: The valley is an artisanal-food heaven. Nosh on handmade charcuterie and cheese at farm-chic **Maison** (*maisonestate.co.za*) and Belgian-inspired confections at **Huguenot Fine Chocolates** (*huguenotchocolates.com*).

BOTTLE TO BUY: **La Motte Syrah 2013** (*la-motte.com*), a medium-bodied red with notes of clove, pepper, and plum.

Tasmania, Australia

This rugged, windswept island off Australia's southern coast is



Leeu Estates, in Franschhoek, South Africa.

known for cool-climate grapes that thrive in the maritime air.

WHERE TO SIP: Award-winning Riesling awaits at the family-owned **Pooley Wines** (*pooleywines.com.au*), while **Moorilla** (*moorilla.com.au*) pours a celebrated single-vineyard Pinot Noir in its glass-walled tasting room.

WHERE TO STAY: The **MACq01 Hotel** (from \$287 per night, *macq01.com.au*) debuted last June on Hobart's bustling waterfront. Its 114 swanky rooms pay homage to unique characters from Tasmanian history, from freedom fighters to felons.

WHAT TO DO: At **Freycinet National Park** (*parks.tas.gov.au*), scale pink-granite peaks and glimpse the white-sand semicircle of Wineglass Bay.

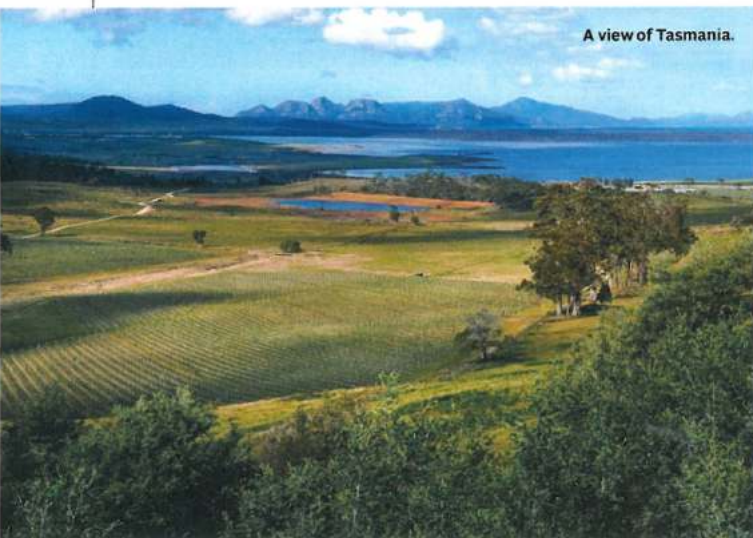
BOTTLE TO BUY: **House of Arras E. J. Carr Late Disgorged Sparkling 2002** (*houseofarras.com.au*), named for decorated winemaker Ed Carr.

Vinho Verde, Portugal

Sandwiched between lush mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, this beloved wine region is home to beautiful emerald-hued vistas, haunting medieval castles, and hip boutique hotels.

WHERE TO SIP: Head to **Quinta da Aveleda** (*aveledaportugal.pt*), a fifth-generation family estate, to taste fruit-forward whites in a romantic garden filled with whimsical stone structures and fairy-tale fountains.

WHERE TO STAY: The 30-room **Monverde Wine Experience Hotel** (from \$140 per night, *monverde.pt*) at Quinta de Sanguinhedo combines mod accommodations with an immersive wine experience—think vineyard views, expert-led lessons, and grape-skin spa treatments.



A view of Tasmania.

WHAT TO DO: Get lost roaming the labyrinthine streets and ancient castle of Guimarães. In Amarante, about 40 minutes southeast, you'll find the Michelin-starred **Largo do Paço** (largodopaco.com), which serves up contemporary Portuguese cuisine.

BOTTLE TO BUY: **Alvarinho Soalheiro 2015** (soalheiro.com), a well-balanced white with citrus and mineral notes.

Paso Robles, California

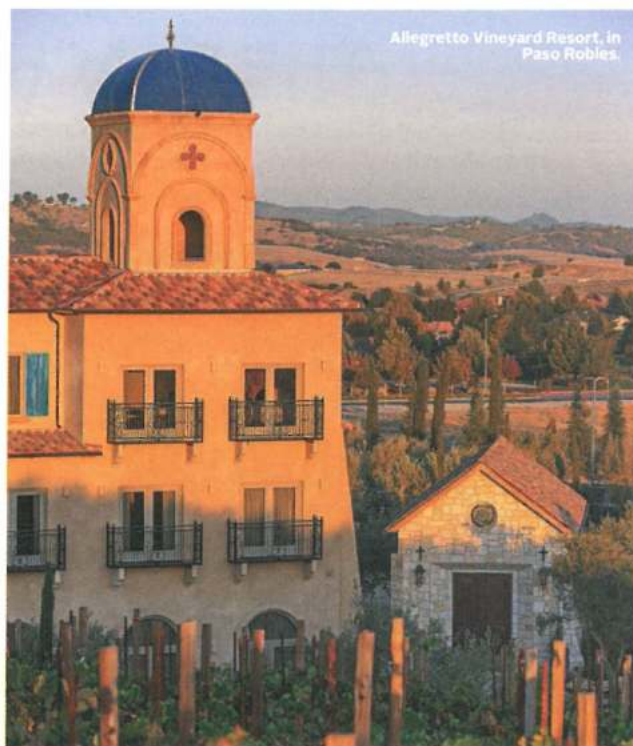
Move over, Napa: In the past decade, this hilly, oak-dotted oasis halfway between Los Angeles and San Francisco has

reds in an airy space overlooking rolling vineyards.

WHERE TO STAY: Fall asleep to the soothing sounds of the Pacific in one of 27 vintage-motel-style rooms at **Cambria Beach Lodge** (from \$179 per night, cambriabeachlodge.com). Or you could wake up amid grapes and olive groves at **Allegretto Vineyard Resort** (from \$399 per night, allegrettovineyardresort.com).

WHAT TO DO: Browse locally crafted candles, soaps, honey, snacks, and other provisions at **General Store Paso Robles** (generalstorepr.com) in the charming downtown.

BOTTLE TO BUY: **L'Aventure Estate Cuvée 2014** (aventure



Allegretto Vineyard Resort, in Paso Robles.

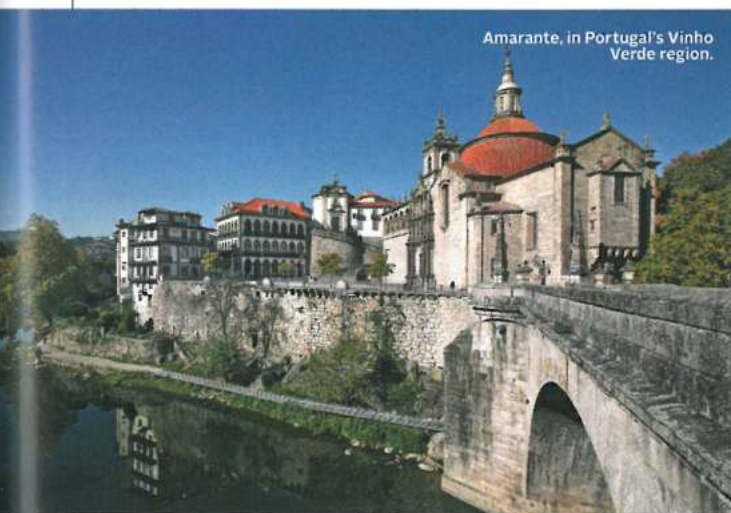
side resort of Punta del Este. **WHERE TO SIP:** **Bodega Garzón** (bodegagarzon.com), a hilltop retreat with 500 acres of grapes, produces a complex rendition of Uruguay's signature red, Tannat.

WHERE TO STAY: Famed Argentinean chef Francis Mallmann put tiny Garzón (population: circa 200) on the map with the **Hotel & Restaurante Garzón** (from \$780 per night, all-inclusive; restaurantegarzon.com),

which has five king rooms in a gorgeously renovated brick-walled general store.

WHAT TO DO: Savor grilled seafood at **Parador La Huella** (paradorlahuella.com), an unassuming yet highly lauded beachfront shack located in trendy José Ignacio.

BOTTLE TO BUY: **Alto de la Ballena Reserva Tannat-Viognier 2011** (altodelaballena.com), a vibrant and delicious oak-aged blend.



Amarante, in Portugal's Vinho Verde region.

nearly tripled its winery tally.

WHERE TO SIP: A former warehouse enclave has been transformed into Tin City, home to about two dozen tasting rooms; don't miss **Field Recordings** (fieldrecordingswine.com) and **Sans Liege** (sansliege.com). For something more atmospheric, **Justin** (justinwine.com) serves Bordeaux-style

wine.com), a full-bodied blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, and Petit Verdot.

Maldonado, Uruguay

Windswept landscapes, 19th-century villages, and an ambitious upstart estate populate this burgeoning wine country an hour from the splashy sea-



The Bodega Garzón winery in Uruguay.