

ARCHITECTURAL DIGEST

14 GORGEOUS WINERIES DESIGNED BY TOP ARCHITECTS

Raise a glass to the world's most spectacular winery architecture

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In recent years, more and more vineyards have sought to make a statement not just with their wines but with the design of their facilities, enlisting star architects from Renzo Piano to Zaha Hadid. That means wineries are no longer mere side trips en route to the main attraction—they've become destinations in their own right. World-class food and drink, stunning architecture, luxury lodgings, idyllic settings—this is the stuff epicurian dreams are made of. In advance of the grape harvest (in the Northern Hemisphere, at least), *AD* takes a look at some of the most beautifully designed wineries around the globe. In vino—and *venustas*—veritas.



Hoteliers Alex and Carrie Vik hosted a competition among Chilean architects in 2007 for a commission to design a winery for their new label, *Vik*. Smiljan Radic took the prize and created a long, low building at the center of the couple's 11,000-acre estate in the Millahue Valley, south of Santiago. Radic, who designed this year's Serpentine Pavilion in London, kept the building's profile unobtrusive by creating underground levels for processing and storing wine. An expansive shallow pool that holds water used to cool the lower levels is crisscrossed with concrete pathways and decorated with boulders.

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