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20 Best New Wineries

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Hundreds of exciting wineries have opened up around the globe in recent years, defying the worldwide economic slump. Italy, Spain, the United States and probably South Africa and Australia have each launched a long roster of impressive newcomers. And countries in both the Old and New World, ranging from

Germany to Argentina to New Zealand, have debuted innovative new wineries that would be impossible for any oenophile to ignore. The terrific bottles highlighted here come from a selection of the planet's 20 most notable new producers, all of which introduced their labels in 1999 or later.

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LÉAL

2001 Syrah

In California's unsung San Benito County (an area inland of Monterey), former fencing contractor Frank Léal and one-time mechanic David Griffith bottle this soft, fleshy Syrah offering a sensual mingling of smokiness and bright, cranberry-inflected fruit. This wine is so good that it should, by itself, put San Benito on Syrah lovers' maps.

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