

# Gaycation m a g a z i n e

## WINE NOT? YOUR GUIDE TO EXCITING NEW WINES TO TRY (AND WHERE TO TRY THEM)

When it comes to wine, and most things, it can be easy to get stuck in your ways. You find a wine you like, and you just keep ordering it. But novelty is a delicious thing, especially in the world of wine. With more countries, regions and producers all over the globe making better wines than ever, here a few you should try and where you can travel to do it.

### **If you like Cabernet Sauvignon, try...**

Carmenère from Chile. This originally French grape is little known outside South America, and was only recently rediscovered in Chile, where folks mistook it for Merlot until the 1990s. Today, Chilean winemakers are making phenomenal wines from it, including a premium red wine called VIK. Produced from over 60 planted parcels spread out across an 11,000-acre property, VIK is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc,

Syrah and Carmenère, so you can ease into the new variety. The Carmenère lends the blend both an earthy freshness and vibrant fruit notes. Even better, you can stay at the recently opened luxury lodge on the property, Viña Vik, which has quickly become one of Chile's hottest design hotels.