

Hot property Vineyards

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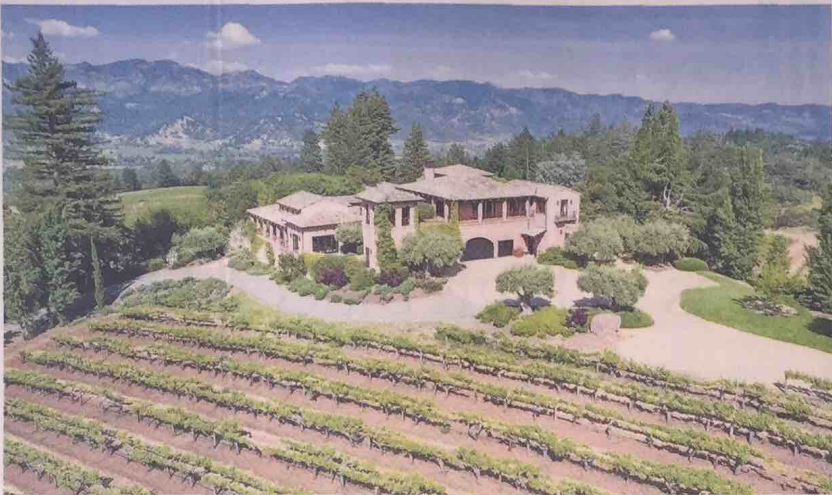
► 5800 Petrified Forest Road, Calistoga, Napa Valley, California, US, \$9.5m

Where Overlooking Mount St Helena in Napa Valley. The city of Calistoga is five minutes by car and San Francisco international airport is less than two hours' drive.

What A two-bedroom, three-bathroom main villa with almost 7200 sq ft of living space, and two further bedrooms in separate suites. There is also an outdoor kitchen with a pizza oven, plus a pool, bowls court and chicken coop.

Why The property's four acres of vineyard are within the Diamond Mountain appellation, a prized American Viticultural Area, with volcanic soil that suits its Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Napa Valley is renowned for its wine, and by mid-October all the grapes will have been harvested and begun to ferment.

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◄ Saint-Emilion, Gironde, Aquitaine, France, €3.98m

Where Just outside the medieval town of Saint-Emilion. Bordeaux-Mérignac international airport is 45 minutes' drive.

What A 19th-century, five-bedroom house with 300 sq metres of living space plus original features such as a carved ceiling and painted tiles.

Why The seven-hectare vineyard has Saint-Emilion Grand Cru classification. Its grapes — mostly Merlot — are fermented in the winery's vast 660-hectolitre vat.

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◄ Pesa Castle, Val di Pesa, Tuscany, Italy, €25m

Where Just outside Tavarnelle Val di Pesa, a comune 35 minutes by car from Florence, which has the closest international airport.

What A 19-bedroom, 19-bathroom castle built around a courtyard. The property has two crenellated towers, restored terracotta floors and beamed ceilings, and some parts date back more than 1000

years. Within its 94 hectares are olive groves, vineyards and woods.

Why The property will soon produce up to 150,000 bottles of Chianti per year. The mainly Sangiovese grapes are picked in mid-September during the vendemmia (grape harvest). They are then fermented before being bottled in a neighbouring winery.

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▲ Kingscote Estate, Vowels Lane, East Grinstead, West Sussex, UK, £4.5m

Where A 10-minute drive from the town of East Grinstead and 20 minutes from Gatwick airport.

What A five-bedroom farmhouse, a 15th-century barn converted into a visitors' centre and cookery school, and stables for 15 horses, all part of a 150-acre estate once owned by the gardener William Robinson.

Why Since its first harvest in 2014, Kingscote has produced 100,000 bottles of still and sparkling wine per year. Harvested from September to October, the grapes — including Bacchus, Pinot Noir and Chardonnay varieties — are then pressed, fermented and bottled on site.

Cider is also produced from apples grown in the two-acre orchard.

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◄ Mas Coll, Roses, Costa Brava, Spain, €5.9m

Where A half-hour drive from the coastal town of Roses near the French border. Girona international airport is about an hour away.

What A 17th-century wine estate with 53 hectares of vineyards. The 16-bedroom main house has a chapel, pool and a tower that was once used to fend off pirates.

Why Part of the ground floor is used as a wine museum. The estate produces the "Coll de Roses" wine, including a Macabeo white.

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