

10 reasons to visit Uruguay in 2016

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Sample the local wine – Uruguay is South America's fourth largest wine producer, with the majority of its vineyards and wineries located in the hills north of Montevideo.

Wine country

Fruity, tannin-high Tannat is Uruguay's star grape and though the wine industry is small at 70 million liters (comparable to a single mid-size Argentine winery's production), it's blossoming.

With four key regions dotted along the coastline, you can easily sample Tannat in vineyards.

Numerous producers wine and dine the public in glorious settings, including [Bodega Bouza](#) in Canelones, which has picked up numerous trophies for its Albarino and Tannat.

Olive oil and winemaker [Bodega Garzon](#) near Jose Ignacio is set to open the first LEED-certified winery outside the United States in 2016.

