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9 WINERIES WITH
RELEVANT
ARCHITECTURE

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Perhaps no other wine region in the world has as impressive an array of architectural standouts in winery design as Mendoza. These nine wineries raise the bar high by blending artistic style and environmental initiatives to achieve a balance of utility and beauty in harmony with the landscape.

1. Bodega Diamandes

The understated elegance of Bodega Diamande's architecture is the work of Mendocinian Architects Mario Yanzón and Eliana Bórmida. The construction of the winery was carried out under the premise of respect for nature and harmony with the environment and to maintain the essential connection existing between wine and nature. Every effort was made to integrate the architecture with the Andean landscape by creating unique paths and designs. The scale, shape and materials used in creating the structure were thoughtfully adapted to the location with regard to the Andes Range and the native flora of the area. The dramatic interior spaces include a circular barrel-cellar.

2. Bodega O. Fournier

Futuristic and modern the mother-ship of all wineries has landed in Mendoza providing visitors a close encounter with wine and the surroundings. The lyrical design of Bodega O. Fournier is in perfect harmony with the land. In the soft light of early morning or with the golden glow of dusk, the winery appears as if it is hovering in place. From a distance the open half circle entrance is like a pair of arms reaching out to embrace the vineyards. Beyond having a modern and futuristic design, the winery has been designed to be functional, using a gravity system for the most natural production of the wines.



Left Photo : Bodega Diamandes



Right Photo : Bodega Montevejo

AMAZING BUILDINGS AMONG VINEYARDS

3. Bodega Trapiche

Dramatic and fortress like, Bodega Trapiche located in the town of Maipu, is made in the Florentine style with an Italian brick façade designed in 1902. The winery, one of the biggest in the country, departs from the traditional style and designs in other parts of the region that are primarily inspired by classical temples. By departing from traditional models the winery captures a new mode that is at once reminiscent of Venetian palaces and other grand public buildings. Inside the winery combines tradition and cutting-edge technology for the production of high quality wines.

4. Bodega Montevejo

Built in 2001, Bodega Montevejo presents a stunning blend of both classical and modern architectural elements. Like a Greek coin, the winery has two distinct sides. The façade facing the mountains incorporates a contemporary temple design flanked by columns, expanses of glass and large staircases. The opposite side of the winery, seen from the entrance, has exposed brick and large windows. The building is bordered by vines, growing on sloping cultivated terraces, that reach all the way to the roof. The interplay of the sun crossing the mountains comes into play in the afternoon to create a dramatic effect of shadow and light across the winery.

5. Bodega Salentein

The majestic Andes serve as the backdrop for the Killka cultural center that was designed using natural materials paying tribute to the roots of the Andean culture and to blend in harmony and with respect to the sun, the wind, and the landscape.. From a distance the building presents a low-profile, integrated into the surroundings. Inside, the central courtyard is open to the view in all directions. In addition to providing a space in which to learn all about viticulture, the Killka center houses an extensive collection of Argentinian and Dutch contemporary art of the 19th and the 20th century.



6. Bodega Septima

In the midst of extensive vineyards in the plain of Agrelo, Bodega Septima is designed to integrate fully with the landscape. An ancient system of construction used in pre-Columbian ceremonial centers of the Andean region consisting of stacking natural stones one on top of another, was incorporated with modern techniques. The pure horizontal lines of the building blend seamlessly with the vista, and do not break the profile of the mountains. Locally sourced building materials were used and the concrete was produced using special pigments to yield a color range consistent with the natural environment.

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7. Bodega Norton

In 1919 Bodega Norton established their first winery building. Then in 2008 an extensive remodel and reconstruction project revitalized and restyled the winery into one of the most impressive wineries in the area. Today you can enjoy the panoramic view of the Andes Mountains from the terrace of the wine bar in the century-old winery or enjoy the outdoors from the twin staircases that lead down to the manicured green courtyard.



Top Right Photo: Bodega Septima

Middle Left Photo: Bodega Salentein

Bottom Right Photo: Bodega Norton

8. Bodega Catena Zapata

Rising from the surrounding vineyards like a mirage, the distinctive pyramid design of Bodega Catena Zapata was inspired by the ruins of Tikal in Guatemala and is built in the style of a Mayan temple. Set in Mendoza in the in the sub appellation of Agrelo, the building is both impressive and magical with a rustic sensibility. Interior materials blend both stone and wood to present a visually pleasing aesthetic that is both modern and traditional. Diagonal stairs and open interiors add to the drama and profile of Bodega Catena Zapata as one of the leading wine producers in Argentina.



9. Bodega Bianchi

Nestled on gently rolling terrain and surrounded by numerous water sources Bodega Bianchi was founded in 1928 in San Rafael. The most spectacular architectural feature of Bodega Bianchi is located inside the winery. There you will find the awe inspiring “La Cupula”—a circular vault that is the heart of the building and serves as the tasting room. The space is filled with the energy of the earth and the heavens above as light flows in through the stained glass ceiling. The acoustics of the circular room are so magical that you may almost hear the wine speaking to you. Attend one of the sommelier led tastings and immerse yourself in spirit of the room while you learn the language of fine wine.

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Photo: Bodega Bianchi