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STUDYING TERROIRS, sipping flights, hangovers before dusk. Visiting wine country doesn't have to be all about the wine. Offering loads of spirit—from morning horseback rides to ancient art galleries and golf courses galore—these getaways have garnered recent attention for their emerging wines and also guarantee experiences beyond typical vineyard pursuits. ▶

BEYOND THE VINES

Eight beloved wine regions that deliver more than just sampling varietals.

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HAWKE'S BAY, NORTH ISLAND NEW ZEALAND



Millar Road





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The Farm at Cape Kidnappers

Hawke's Bay is renowned for its crisp chardonnays, but golf enthusiasts know better. They come for the Tom Doak-designed 71-par course at Cape Kidnappers, which draws pros and weekend golfers to its coastal greens that rest on cliffs plunging into the sea.

DO: Golf! Book a tee time in advance at **Cape Kidnappers** (from \$215 per round; capekidnappers.com) and see what all the fuss is about. Or view the greens (and the vines) from above: Helicopter wine tours (from \$70; grapeescapenz.co.nz) over coastal Hawke's Bay wine country include impromptu landings for lunchtime picnics.

DRINK: Sample the single-vineyard wines at **Craggy Range** (craggyrange.com), or

mix with the locals at the Saturday morning market at **Black Barn Vineyards** (blackbarn.com), which also hosts concert series.

STAY: Hedge fund baron Julian Robertson built his **Farm at Cape Kidnappers** (from \$1,160; capekidnappers.com) on a 6,000-acre stretch of land that reminded him of the American West. There are nature trails, picnic spots, and knife's-edge outcroppings that plummet 800 feet into the sea. You can also spend the night in a charming cottage at **Craggy Range** (from \$370; craggyrange.com), the scent of ripening grapes all around you, or at the super-modern **Millar Road** (rooms from \$400; millarroad.co.nz), reminiscent of chic lakeside kiwi cottages of the 1950s, called "baches." ▸