

WINE TASTING IN THAILAND - CERTAINLY A FIRST



While Thailand's praise is frequently associated with local wonderful sceneries and diving opportunities, or the energetic life in the big cities, its less known appeal of wine tasting is now emerging.

Visiting Thailand with a sole purpose of exploring its wine tradition may seem like a farfetched idea. However, this country, which has been in the business for some time now, is willing to learn from the best and the results are certainly surprising. There are many different locations with a diversity of vineyards which are ready to welcome visitors and offer excellent wine tasting experiences.

The Hua Hin Hills Vineyard, located close to Myanmar, is perhaps one of the most prominent vineyards, spreading over 560 acres. Local Monsoon Valley varieties include Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Chenin Blanc, Colombard, and many others. Visitors may enjoy the tasting experience in the Sala Wine Bar & Bistro which also presents delicious wine and food combinations.

The Siam Winery is probably the most well known as it is the largest one in South-East Asia. Over a thousand employees look after its wine and guests. Siam Winery is easily reachable from Bangkok, as it lies only 45 minutes west of the city. Local 2-hour tours are very popular and offer a guided tour of the winery and several wine and cheese tastings.

The Floating Vineyards, also owned by Siam Winery, are a bit of an attraction. In reality, these are not exactly floating; they are sitting on islands along canals. 1,000 acres of such unusual sight makes a visit here a very peculiar one.

Those visiting Phuket should not miss out on The Sarojin. This luxurious resort is not a winery, however, it presents the perfect setting for a wine tasting, including an impressive wine cellar and an astonishing dinner selection which is designed to contrast with the wine.

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