



[Naked Wines](#) is a completely new way of buying wine. They feature wines from a small number of winemakers who sell exclusively through Naked Wines - because there is no advertising, you know that you are paying for wine rather than spin.

It is an innovative company with interesting features. For example, they now have a type of '[wine futures](#)

' programme: you can now pay for some wines whilst they are still being made. The price of the wine is discounted because you are paying for the wine upfront (thus helping the winemaker's cashflow), and it gets delivered when it is ready. They also have a great

[cashback feature](#)

which gives you a 33% discount on many wines. For some recommendations,

[click here](#)

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[The Sampler](#) is a great independent wine merchant in Islington, North London, UK. They do not stock run-of-the-mill wines and every member of staff is knowledgeable. As well as stocking 1,500 classic, unusual and interesting wines from all over the world, their unique selling point is their tasting bars.

These tasting bars allow you taste a small sample for a proportionate cost of the bottle price. Samples start from 30p. There are 80 wines available to sample - which rotate. Click [here](#) for more sampling details.



[Majestic Wine](#) is one of the UK's biggest wine retailers, with around 150 stores in the UK. There is a minimum 6 bottle purchase rule within stores (12 bottle online), but an extensive selection, with free delivery for mainland UK. Their staff are educated via WSET to ensure knowledge within the store and on the phone. They have wine available to taste every day.



[Wine & Spirit Education Trust](#) (WSET) was founded in 1969 and organises wine education courses, spirits courses and wine tastings for professionals and enthusiasts in 50 countries worldwide.



Twitter works for wine: concise thoughts on wines as soon as they drink them, news on what is happening in the vineyards around the world, other wine-based pearls of wisdom.

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