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THE FIVE BEST WINE LISTS In The Caribbean

Piña coladas and limed Carib beer may be perfect when soaking in the sun, but when it comes to dinner (and lunch and brunch), you need decent wine. Here's where the bottle selections are as seductive as the white-sand beaches.

LA SAMANNA, ST. MARTIN

As if world-renowned service and gourmet restaurants weren't enough, the global 50-page wine list—with more than 60 offerings of Champagne alone—will wow even the most jaded wine explorer. The selection also includes an impressive magnum list and Methuselahs (6-liter bottles) for those extra, extra large celebrations.



EL DORADO SPA RESORTS & HOTEL BY KARISMA PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Located on Mexico's Riviera Maya, the resort has partnered with California's Jackson Family Wines to create a true gourmet-inclusive experience, the Culinary Series by Karisma. In addition to the standard beer, wine and Tequila list, wine lovers can participate in beautifully presented cooking demonstrations with guest chefs and wine tastings.

karismahotels.com



JADE MOUNTAIN ST. LUCIA

This luxury tree house for adults, perched above one of Saint Lucia's most beautiful beaches and offers stunning views of the island's mountains. It's main restaurant, Jade Mountain Club, has a menu built by James Beard Award Chef Allen Susser and hands down one of the most eclectic wine lists in the islands.



EDEN ROCK HOTEL ST. BARTS

More than 125 labels grace the wine list at the resort's main restaurant, On The Rocks, with heavy hitters hailing from Bordeaux and Burgundy, as well as Italy, New Zealand, California and Spain. If 2013 has been good to you, make sure to splurge on a bottle or two of Châteaux Pétrus, Margaux or Cheval Blanc.



NISBET PLANTATION NEVIS

Scores of wines—many of them affordable—make up the wine list in the three restaurants at this 30-acre resort. In addition, 36 rooms and cottages, perfectly manicured green lawns and a highly rated spa make this an ideal destination for couples and families.

nisbetplantation.com

—Mike DeSimone & Jeff Jensen