

# Decanter

## Decanter luxe list: Winter and beyond

The latest in a seasonal series, collating luxury wine experiences taking place in the most coveted of cellars, vineyards and must-visit destinations across the globe.

It seems like just as harvest wraps up, it's already time to prepare for another season just as festive: the holidays.

As the final month of the year rapidly comes to a close, consider this list a condensed version of an Advent calendar, offering a small peek into some of the fabulous happenings in the days leading to the new year, and what to look forward to in 2024.

From bucket-list-worthy, **Champagne**-filled escapes on some of the world's most legendary trains to 24 carat gold-themed New Year's Eve soirées and one of the most talked-about private members' clubs in the culinary world, you know 2024 is bound to be off to an eventful start.

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### Celebrate a storied Champagne house at global Maison Bollinger pop-ups

New York's historic Astor House was chosen as the first locale for **Bollinger**, a takeover that's part of a multi-year celebration leading up to the winery's bicentenary in 2029.

Spanning three floors, Bollinger took guests on a journey of the maison's nearly 200-year history, creating replicas of its cooperage with in-house cooper Gaël Chanut, to show a glimpse of what goes into maintaining Bollinger's 4,000-plus aged barrels.

Intended to feel like you're travelling through time with vintage advertisements and artefacts from the estate, Bollinger's managing director Charles-Armand de Belenet guided guests on the sensorial journey, while chief winemaker Denis Bunner led tastings of the newest releases of PN AYC18, La Côte aux Enfants 2013 and R.D. 2008 in the Expert Room. French chef David Toutain, whose restaurant has acquired two Michelin stars, served up a gastronomic pairing with La Grande Année.

Don't worry if you missed the first Maison Bollinger, as these exclusive events will continue popping up throughout 2024 (dates yet to be announced).

