

THINGS TO DO
IN THE VALLEY



6 Spots to Wine Down

Looking for a great place to sniff, swirl, and sip? Here are six sensational spots to wine down with your mates, or on a date. *ALISON BAILIN BATZ*

1 POSTINO

One of the area's most popular wine bars, Postino has built a loyal following since opening its first location in 2001, thanks to its mid-century adaptive reuse design, quirky real estate selection, and happy hour where all wines are just \$5 until 5 p.m. daily. Expect 30-plus wines available by the glass at each of its eight locations, as well as a bevy of by-the-bottle, and there is even a wine club called "Wine Cult" for the brand's biggest fans. www.postinowinecafe.com

2 THE WINE BAR

Acclaimed chef and wine educator Mark Tarbell makes wine-ing down in Central Phoenix a little sexier at The Wine Store, which is conveniently next door to his award-winning Tarbell's restaurant. Tarbell personally sources and stocks the premium wine himself, and even offers a wine club, but perhaps the coolest element of The Wine Store is The Wine Bar. Tucked into the back of the store, the cozy, wooded space offers tapas-style plates and thoughtful wine pairings, as well as wines by the glass and bottle. www.tarbellswinestore.com

3 TIMO WINE BAR

The magic of Timo Wine Bar lies in its patio, which is shrouded with big, lush trees covered with twinkle lights that glow as if in a fairyland... with wine. In the center of the space is a grand fire pit with cushioned oversized seating. The wine menu is immense, and the food to pair with it is cooked in a custom wood-fired oven. It is the perfect spot for a bruschetta or charcuterie board and wine, and offers deals several nights of the week on its wood oven pizzas, small bites, and bottles. www.timocentral.com

4 WINE GIRL SCOTTSDALE

Open since May 2020, this Boho-inspired, sustainable wine bar is meant to make its guests feel like they are on vacation. The dreamy décor and lush furniture lend themselves as much to selfies as to sipping. There are 12 wines on tap, as well as dozens of bottles, including an extensive reserve list. There are also four beers on tap

at any given time. www.winegirlscottsdale.com

5 SCAPEGOAT BEER AND WINE

Known for its dog-friendly patio, Scapegoat seeks to showcase new beers and wines from regions around the world. As such, the wine list changes every quarter, and the beers almost daily. There are always 16 beers on tap and 17 wines by the glass, as well as tempting tapas to pair with each. Expect table games, as well as curated and themed playlists from the staff and regulars. www.scapegoatbar.com

6 LDV WINERY TASTING ROOM

The LDV Winery Tasting Room brings a piece of the Southern Arizona vineyard to the heart of Old Town Scottsdale, right along the Waterfront. Guests can taste wines for a minimal fee, or enjoy a glass or bottle of LDV wine on the patio. The tasting room also offers little bites that are perfectly paired to complement LDV wines. www.ldvwinery.com