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Guide to Wineries in Tomelloso

Welcome to Tomelloso, Inn, Vineyard and Culture, an essential destination for lovers of wine and wine-making tradition. Informally known as "the largest vineyard in the world" and, since the mid-20th century, as one of the leading producers of wine-based spirits, Tomelloso offers an authentic experience and a deep immersion in wine culture.

From the mid-18th century onwards, vines began to be introduced in Tomelloso, gradually replacing cereal farming as the main economic activity. The boom in viticulture in the region was significantly boosted by the devastating phylloxera plague which affected French vineyards in the second half of the 19th century, but which was well tolerated by the vines of La Mancha. This enormous wine production, together with the precarious communication routes, encouraged the development of numerous alcohol distilleries from the end of the 19th century to the middle of the 20th century, consolidating Tomelloso's position as a world leader in the production of wine alcohol.

Wine, tradition and industrial architecture in the heart of La Mancha

Tomelloso is a land of wine, endless vineyards and a wine culture which has shaped its history, economy and landscape. Located in the heart of Castilla-La Mancha, this town is home to one of the largest wine-producing areas in Europe, where centuries-old cooperatives, family-run wineries, historic distilleries and cutting-edge projects coexist.

Visiting its wineries is like stepping into a world of aromas, industrial architecture, production processes, history and La Mancha hospitality. Some have museums, others feature contemporary art, and many offer spaces where visitors can enjoy tastings, workshops, dramatised tours or simply a chat among the barrels.

This guide takes you to the main wine-producing sites in Tomelloso, with their locations, specialities and suggestions for a complete experience.

Here is a guide to exploring the wineries and oenological wealth of Tomelloso:

Featured Wineries in Tomelloso

Tomelloso is home to a variety of renowned wineries and distilleries, many of which offer unique wine tourism experiences:

Virgen de las Viñas Winery and Olive Mill

Virgen de las Viñas Winery and Olive Mill is considered the largest wine cooperative in the world. It was founded in 1961 by 17 winegrowers and currently has almost 3,000 members with over 20,000 hectares of vineyards. Its philosophy is based on "Art, Tradition and Wine".
It offers visits to three key locations:
El Lagar, an iconic building housing the Ethnological Museum, displaying tools and utensils used by the first settlers of Tomelloso.
Caves excavated in limestone, recently restored and open to the public, which allow visitors to learn how wine was made and stored 100 years ago.
The Infanta Elena Museum of Contemporary Art, a space displaying works by national and international artists, including the award-winning works from its Painting Competition.

Tomelloso Winery

Its origins date back to 1986, when 28 winegrowing families decided to join forces to market their wines together.

It belongs to La Mancha Designation of Origin and has almost 40 years of experience in the sector. It markets prestigious brands such as Añil and Torre de Gazate, offering high-quality wines.ad.



Verum Wineries

The López Montero family, owners of the vineyards, have been producing wines and spirits since 1788.
Their philosophy is that "wine is created in the vineyard", seeking to preserve the expression of the grape variety and the terroir.
They own approximately 250 hectares of vineyards, of which about 45, spread over four estates, are used to produce the Verum range of wines.
The climate of Tomelloso, with low rainfall and long hours of sunshine, together with its limestone soils, make it ideal for growing vines, allowing organic cultivation to be applied to all its varieties.

Its estates include:
El Romeral: Estate for research and recovery of native varieties such as Mazuelo, Garnacha, Albillo Real and Moravia Agria.
Las Tinadas: With stony, mineral-rich soils, it cultivates Torre de Gazate, offering high-quality wines such as Airén (vines from 1950) and Tempranillo (vines from 1958).
Los Arcángeles: With sandy loam soils on limestone rocks, it cultivates foreign varieties such as Merlot, Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay and Gewürztraminer.
Casa Ramiro: Home to foreign white varieties such as Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc and Gewürztraminer, as well as small-grain Muscat and the reds Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc.

Other notable wineries and distilleries in Tomelloso are:

Grupo Osborne
Bodegas Centro Españolas
Bodegas Peinado
Bodegas Fundador
Altosa
Viña Ruda
Casaquemada

Unique Wine and Cultural Experiences

Visit to the Underground Cave Cellars

The subsoil of Tomelloso is "completely perforated" with an extensive network of caves that were used for wine production and storage. It is estimated that there were 2,000 caves and, if lined up, they would form a tunnel over 40 kilometres long.

Guided tours of these wine cellars are available, where you can discover the fascinating underground world and the peculiarities acquired by wine in these conditions. The experience includes a tasting of two glasses of La Mancha wine and a delicious Manchego cheese tapa. These tours depart from the Plaza de España.
The experience can be complemented with a tasting of a glass of Tomelloso wine and an appetiser.

Traditional Architecture and Chimneys

The wine-making tradition has given rise to distinctive architecture, notably the chimneys built next to the distillation towers used to produce wine alcohol from surplus grapes. Around 40 of these chimneys are still standing today.



Museums and Cultural Spaces

In addition to the museums in the wineries, Tomelloso has the Cart Museum, dedicated to rural customs and traditions and the tools used in vine growing and spirits production.

You can also visit the Antonio López Torres Museum, dedicated to the realist painter, as well as the Posada de los Portales (BIC), a cultural center that houses the Tourist Office.



Plan your Stay

Accommodation: Tomelloso offers a wide range of high-quality accommodation, including hotels and apartments of various categories. Many are located in the city centre, often in traditional buildings, and are equipped with new technologies, swimming pools or sports facilities.

Some hotel options are:

Hotel OGAR "Pintor Francisco Carretero" (4 stars)
Paloma Hotel (3 stars)
Ramomar Hotel (3 stars)
Altora Hotel (3 stars)
Boutique Doña Manuela Hotel (3 stars)
Doña Pilar Hotel (2 stars)
Núñez Hotel (2 stars)
Europa Hotel (1 star)

There are also hostels like:

Hostal el Palomar (2 stars)
Hostal Donaire (2 stars)
El hostal de Violeta (2 stars)
Hostal Donaire II (2 stars)
Hostal Imperio (1 star)
La Posada de Sancho (1 star)

Tomelloso also has a wide range of fully equipped and registered apartments and holiday homes



Notable Wineries

Virgen de las Viñas Bodega y Almazara
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Web: vinaruda.com

Casaquemada
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Bodegas Fundador – Destilería Tomelloso
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Suggested routes

Wine route:
Virgen de las Viñas Bodega y Almazara
Bodegas y Viñedos Verum
Bodegas Centro Españolas
Vinícola de Tomelloso

Winery route:
Bodegas Peinado
Bodegas Osborne
Bodegas Fundador
Bodegas y Viñedos Verum

Ideal for families:
Virgen de las Viñas Bodega y Almazara
Bodegas y Viñedos Verum

How to organise your visit:
Advance booking is recommended at all wineries. Many offer tastings tailored to groups, schoolchildren or international tourists.
There are non-alcoholic options (must, oil, sweets) for families.
Check the dates of the grape harvest, open days and cultural events.

Location and contact details:

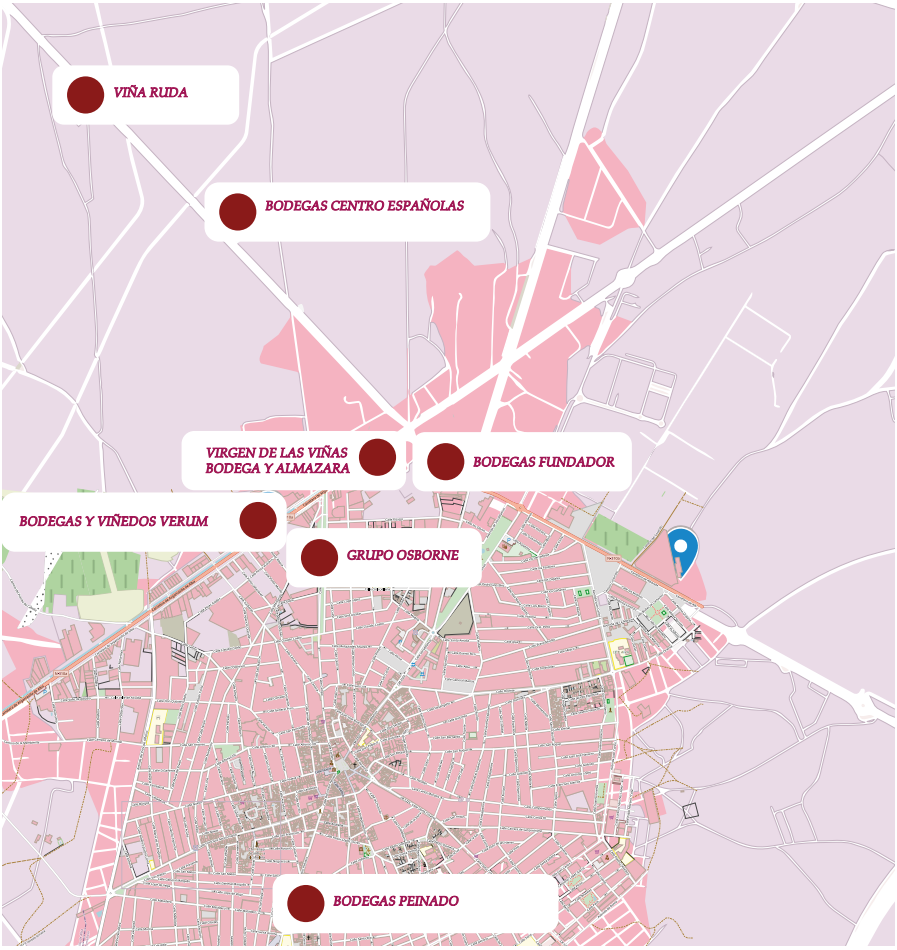
Tomelloso is in the north-east of the province of Ciudad Real (Castilla-La Mancha).

For tourist information
please write to **turismo@aytotomelloso.es**
or call 926 52 88 01. EXT - 1335

The **Tourist Office** is located at Los Portales Inn, Plaza de España, s/n, 13700 Tomelloso (Ciudad Real).

Enjoy your trip to Tomelloso and discover its deep wine-making roots and rich tradition.





Municipal Tourist Office

Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Sundays: 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Public holidays: 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m./Mondays: closed

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