London wine bars - a guide

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In time, we hope, for those planning a trip to London over the forthcoming holidays, here is a guide to our favourite wine bars in London. As we pointed out here, after years of having hardly any establishments worthy of the wine bar appellation, the capital is now seeing a small explosion in their number. Many of them have a strong Andalusian flavour and we have listed them separately below.

Our definition of a wine bar is that it has a decent wine selection and that you are allowed to order no more than a glass of wine, ie you are not forced to order food as well. Do let us know via the comments box if you feel any of these do not meet that definition and/or would like to suggest anywhere else.

We've also been told that Super Tuscan is due to open in January 2012 - an Italian 'enoteca-style' bar in Spitalfields offering, they say, boutique wines and Italian beers. If you try it out, please report back.

WINE BARS

1707 Bar, Fortnum & Mason SW1
28-50 EC4
40 Maltby Street SE1
Anchor & Hope SE1
The Arches NW6
Bar Battu EC2
Le Beaujolais WC2
Bistro du Vin EC1 and W1
Brawn E2
Café à Vin E1
Cork & Bottle W1
Degò W1
Duck Soup, W1
Finborough Wine Cafe SW10
Fulham Wine Rooms SW6
Gordon's WC1
Green & Blue SE22
The Hide SE1
Kensington Wine Rooms W8
The Narrow E14
Negozio W11
Notes W1 and WC1
Pearl WC1
St John EC1
St Pancras Champagne Bar N1
Soif SW11
Terroirs WC1
Vino & Vino EC1
Vinoteca EC1 and W1
Vivat Bacchus EC4 and SE1
Wine Wharf SE1
The Wonder Bar, Selfridge's W1

TAPAS & SHERRY BARS

Angels & Gypsies SE5
Barrafina W1
Barrica W1
Capote y Toros SW5 (pictured)
Dehesa W1
Iberica W1 and E14
José SE1
Lola Rojo SW11
Morito EC1
Opera Tavern WC1
Pepito N1
Salt Yard W1
Tapas Brindisa W1
Tendido Cero SW5
Trangallan N16