



(\**wine lovers*) A wine bar needs to provide not only a great selection of wonderful wines, but also a fun atmosphere, a professional and knowledgeable staff and of course, good food. For the seasoned citizen traveling in the City of the Angels who enjoys wine, consider:

Bin 73: Just steps from the scenic Pacific Ocean in Venice Beach, vacationing seniors can join the locals to enjoy the sights and sounds of the boardwalk. The wine bar and next-door Mercede's Grill provide excellent food, great drink selections and interesting people. Bin73, 18 Washington Blvd., Marina Del Rey CA 90292      BottleRock: There are two locations, Culver City and downtown Los Angeles. The downtown branch is near the Staples Center and LA Live complex, very handy when attending major sports and/or business events. The other is near Sony Studios, one of the world's major film and TV production facilities. BottleRock, 1050 Flower St., LA CA 90015, and 3847 Main St., Culver City CA 90232

AOC: The name of this downtown wine bar indicates the initials of the French "Appellation d'origine contrôlée", which means "controlled designation of origin". The words mean the native French wine comes from the region listed on the bottle. The staff members are all-knowing, and their service is excellent, along with the food and wine. AOC, 8022 W 3rd St., Los Angeles CA 90048