

Wineglobe: Fermentation and Maturation in Glass



Trialled and developed since 2015 in some of France's most exacting cellars, these glass fermentation and maturation vessels have caused a sensation since they were released commercially in 2020. Wineglobes are now found in many top estates including Olivier Lamy, Louis-Benjamin Dagueneau, Arnaud Ente (a pioneer of the early trials and today a significant user), Christophe Perrot-Minot, Frédéric Savart and François Chidaine. Wineglobes have been shown to produce unique wines that are totally different to those fermented and aged in wood, concrete or steel vessels. The natural features of the fruit come to the fore in a way that is completely distinctive.

Since 2021, the globes have been made in a custom workshop in Bordeaux, and the quality of craftsmanship is second-to-none.

What makes these globes so sought after?

- Again and again, Wineglobes have been shown to produce unique wines that are totally different to those (even the same wine) fermented and aged in wood, concrete or steel vessels. In short, Wineglobes produce wines of remarkable purity and perfume. The natural features of the fruit come to the fore in a way that is completely distinctive.
- Wineglobes manage to avoid any reduction even though the wine ages in the absence of oxygen. The reasons for this phenomenon are still being studied—a fascinating area of research.

- Winemakers have witnessed an average decrease in necessary SO₂ additions of 25 to 50%.
- The wine can be aged for long periods with no (or far less) fatigue and, again, no reduction. Elongated aging without fear of reduction or oxidation and without the need for high sulphur alone is a revolutionary feature of these vessels.
- Oxygen can still be introduced easily if desired, through racking, lees stirring, etc.
- Wineglobe is suitable for both vinification and aging.
- Versatility is a feature of these vessels, allowing all styles of wine and all styles of winemaking: white, red, rosé, sparkling base, even vermouth or bitters; on skins or not; short or long aging...
- Wineglobes have an infinite lifespan, are very easy to clean and, barring accidents, can be used forever. The glass is forged in one piece from borosilicate (the strongest and most resistant glass), created to stand up to everyday use in the cellar.

