

## Changyu Moselle Manor in Ningxia

——Romantic and exotic, dreamy water wine castle

Jesse Robinson, one of the world's top three wine critics, once published an article in the Financial Times, praising the 2008 dry red wine from Changyu Moselle XV Winery in Ningxia, China as "the best wine in China".

Moselle Manor is located in the Ningxia Economic and Technological Development Zone at the eastern foot of Helan Mountain, covering an area of 1300 acres. The design of the entrance to the manor originated from the iconic Egyptian building "obelisk", which records major events in the development history of Changyu for a hundred years in seal script on the monument.

The estate is surrounded by a water system, and the water landscape is connected to each other like the beautiful scenery of the 72 connected lakes in Yinchuan. Stepping into the entrance of the estate, the first thing you see is a 270 meter long "Chasing the Wind and Moon" shaped music fountain, surrounded by 15 sets of angel water sculptures. On both sides of the fountain are 1000 acres of vineyards. At the end of the fountain stands the main building of the manor castle, in Byzantine architectural style. The roof is a typical dome, which is magnificent.

Passing through an ancient and mysterious gate, one enters the lobby on the first floor of the castle. Looking up, exquisite murals tell people about the process of early grape picking, brewing, bottling, and tasting.

There is also a wine production line tour passage on the first floor of the castle. Through the large glass window, you can see the production process of wine washing, filling, corking, sealing, labeling, and so on.

At the end of the visiting passage, there is a downward staircase entrance, which spirals down the spiral staircase to reach the underground wine cellar with a total area of 3600 square meters. The wine cellar is like an underground maze, storing over 1300 oak barrels. There is also a private wine storage territory in the wine cellar.

The second floor of the castle is equipped with a wine exhibition room, Changyu Historical and Cultural Exhibition Hall, and a professional wine tasting room.

In the wine science popularization hall, tourists can experience various interactive games related to wine. "Vineyard Dream Factory" creates a rural labor experience that comes from immersive backgrounds; "The Mysteries of Oak Barrels" showcases the role of oak barrels in the brewing process through a combination of video and real-life scenarios; The happy nose releases a specific fragrance according to the instructions of the tourists; The sensitive tongue vividly displays the distribution of taste buds on the human tongue.

After visiting the main castle, be sure to take a look at the estate's ball screen cinema. Passing through a 200 meter long aerial lounge, you arrive at the first ball screen cinema in northwest China, which is the first original wine themed ball screen movie in China. The spherical screen extends from front to back, and the audience seems to be inside a large wine jar, experiencing the process of picking, fermenting, aging, and turning into a precious liquid with grapes.

The winery in the estate hired Ross Moselle, the 15th generation descendant of the Moselle family, as the winery's chief winemaker. Moselle's grandfather, Moselle XIII, was known as the "father of modern grape cultivation" because he invented the modern trellis planting method.

Moselle said that perfect vineyards like those in Ningxia are very rare. The grapes here grow at an altitude of 1100 meters, and the high altitude provides Ningxia's grapes with more sufficient

sunlight, with an annual light exposure of 3000 hours.

Now, let's taste the grape bars from this winery together. Changyu Moselle XV Winery mainly uses Cabernet Sauvignon, mixed with Merlot and Syrah for brewing, blending the structure of Cabernet Sauvignon, the softness and balance of Merlot, and the complex and diverse aroma of Syrah. This wine has a deep red color, with a pleasant smoky vanilla flavor and fresh berry flavor. The aroma is harmonious, the wine is full bodied, elegant and delicate.

Good wine accompanies, and delicious food is essential. The winery has multiple themed restaurants, and each Chinese and Western dish can be paired with a wine. Grape vine charcoal grilled small steak paired with Changyu Ningxia Moselle XV Winery dry red wine is the specialty restaurant of the winery.

Helan Mountain is famous for Yue Fei's Man Jianghong. If you are traveling to Ningxia, while enjoying the charm of the Western Regions, be sure to visit the Moselle Manor at the foot of Helan Mountain and taste the "best wine in China" for yourself. Before leaving, don't forget to bring back a bottle of wine from Moselle XV Winery. Waiting for a special day to open a bottle and taste with your family and friends is definitely a wonderful sharing experience.

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