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Cunard schools consumers in wine appreciation aboard Queen Mary 2

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Cunard's Queen Mary 2

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Cruise line Cunard is pairing the new culinary experiences on-board the remodeled Queen Mary 2 with expanded wine offerings.

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The ship is launching the Cunard Wine Academy, during which participants will explore food and wine pairings, tastings and master classes. A wine cellar on Cunard's ship will boast 450 different wines, rivaling restaurants on shore and adding to the culinary experience as guests sail.

Wine not?

The Queen Mary 2 will be the first to serve the \$4,500 a bottle California Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon by the glass.

Allowing for the tasting of wines without diminishing the quality of the bottle, Cunard will be using the Coravin pouring system, which extracts the desired amount of wine from a bottle with a needle.

Additionally, a selection of 46 vintage port wines dating from major years in Cunard's history will be permanently displayed in the ship's Carinthia Lounge. This display will be established during the 25-day refit of the liner in June.

Queen Mary 2 Refit: Stocking the Cellar

"With thoughtful planning and a keen attention to detail, our new fine wines as well as our unique port collection, inspired by Cunard's history, are evocative of our craftsmanship," said Richard Meadows, president of Cunard North America, in a brand statement. "With the addition of The Cunard Wine Academy, we proudly offer guests yet another exclusive and enriching experience in an unforgettable journey."

As Cunard prepares to refit its ship Queen Mary 2 in June, the cruise line is revamping its culinary offerings.

With the renovations, the Queen Mary 2 will be getting new eateries, including the Caritha Lounge The Verandah, and existing dining areas will also be redesigned, calling for coordinating remodeled menus. Dining is an integral part of the luxury hospitality experience, whether on land or at sea ([see story](#)).