



## LUXURY WINE TOUR TO TUSCANY

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A Luxury Tour for Lovers of Tuscan Food and Wine

**OCTOBER 11th–15th, 2027**

— Hosted by Colin Gent MW —

**US \$5,995** per person

This is a luxury food and wine tour to the greatest wineries in Tuscany. You will explore the finest Super Tuscans, the jewels of Brunello di Montalcino, and the classics of Chianti Classico. Hosted by Colin Gent, Master of Wine, this fun-filled, educational itinerary will bring you privileged access to the region's most prized estates. We take a maximum of 20 wine lovers as guests.

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### COME DISCOVER

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**SUPER TUSCAN HEAVEN:** Tours, tastings, lunches and dinners at **Ornellaia**, **Guado al Tasso**, **Tua Rita**, and the beautiful **Castello di Terriccio**, plus a chance to drink the legendary **Sassicaia** at dinner.

**MAGNIFICENCE IN MONTALCINO:** Barrel tastings, tour and old vintage Brunellos with lunch at **Col d'Orcia**, and a visit and tasting at Wine Spectator's winery of the year, **Argiano**.

**CLASSIC CHIANTI** with phenomenal tastings and visits to **Castello di Ama**, **Castello di Brolio**, and Antinori's architectural masterpiece winery in **Bargino**.

**FOOD BEYOND COMPARE:** Tasting menu at Michelin-starred **Osteria Badia a Passignano** replete with a vertical of **Tignanello**. Dinner in the family private residence of the grandest castle you've ever seen in your life, at **Brolio**. Just so much incredible food and wine it's arguably excessive.

**IDEAL HOTELS:** Stay at an extraordinary 5-star spa hotel right on the beach in Bolgheri for 2 nights. Then rest your head in a comfortable hotel right in the heart of Siena.

**WORLD CLASS WINES:** Ornellaia, Sassicaia, Tignanello and more. You taste, and drink, the cream of the crop.



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## HOST

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### COLIN GENT MW



Colin became a Master of Wine in 2003 and is the lead lecturer in the Wine Business Masters programs at Kedge Business School. He previously worked for the Bordeaux-based wine broker Europvin with such illustrious estates as E. Guigal, Vega Sicilia, and Emilio Lustau sherries. He provides sales and marketing consultancy services to importers and exporters alike, as well as offering high-end wine education and wine tourism. When time allows, he enjoys writing about wine, and has been published in “The World of Fine Wine”

Colin is an accomplished public speaker and expert taster, having hosted seminars, masterclasses, and dinners all over the world. His greatest pleasure is sharing his knowledge and passion for wine, and the history, the geography and culture that shape it. You are in expert hands when traveling with Colin.

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## PRICE

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**US \$5,995 (INCLUDING TAX)**

The cost is per person, based on double occupancy at the hotels. This price includes all accommodation, visits and tastings at wineries, all meals unless during the free time, all wine at meals, and local transport. Flights and travel arrangements to/from Florence, items of a personal nature, and travel insurance are not included. We recommend that you contact your travel agent to arrange travel insurance.

If you are travelling by yourself there will be a single supplement of US \$750.

The payment schedule per person is:

At Time of Booking: \$250 non-refundable deposit

120 days before start: Remaining deposits (plus single supplement if applicable)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 1

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> – THE TUSCAN COAST

Meet with Colin at **9:30 am** in the reception of the Anglo-American Hotel in Florence. From here, we depart by bus to the Tuscan coast and the land of the Super Tuscans.

#### Meet at:

Anglo American Hotel

Via Solferino 6, Florence, 50123, Italy

Tel#: +39 055 0218

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/flrorqq-anglo-american-hotel-florence/>

#### VISIT AND LUNCH AT GUADO AL TASSO

This is one of my favorite wineries in the world. The vineyard, the terroir, the underground cellar that is an architectural wonder, it's a fascinating experience to see how a masterpiece is crafted. Everything starts in the vineyard, of course, and so do we, before moving on to discover how the wine is made. And then, we drink several vintages of this incredible wine at lunch, at the winery's charming restaurant, right in the middle of the estate vineyards. Welcome to a Fine Vintage tour <https://www.antinori.it/en/vino/guado-al-tasso-en/>

#### CHECK IN AT TOMBOLO RESORT HOTEL

Just 10 minutes from Guado al Tasso is our 5 star hotel, right on the beach, indeed with its own private beach. A beautiful marble lobby overlooks the Med, white fluffy sand, and a famous grotto spa to heal you. Check in, and it's time to relax for a few hours because this is a holiday, before heading out for a memorable first dinner at an iconic winery. <https://www.chgroup.eu/en/tombolo/>

#### VISIT AND DINNER AT TUA RITA

At 6.30 pm we head off for Tua Rita winery, one of the cult producers of Super Tuscan wines. Famous for receiving a perfect 100 points from Robert Parker for its top "Redigaffi" cuvée, it remains a small family-owned winery where our friends paint masterpieces with their grapes, stratospheric wines. During the tour they explain exactly how they do it, to you, but not to others. The family and management join us for a fabulous dinner, at the winery, home-cooked, and with way too many wines [www.tuarita.it](http://www.tuarita.it)



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## ITINERARY | DAY 2

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### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> – SUPER TUSCAN HEAVEN

#### 9:45 am – Depart

Not too early, not too late. Those who wake up in advance can take a walk on the beach, others may prefer just a relaxed breakfast and a couple of espressos to prepare for the day ahead.

#### ORNELLAIA

This could be an early candidate for most impressive winery of the week (but there are others, too, so we'll let you vote at the end of the tour). It is certainly one of the most famous wines of all Italy, a name that excites collectors throughout the world. As soon as you arrive, you can sense that this is a very special place, making very special wine. Just wait until you taste the wine... The art installations are pretty WOW too. <https://www.ornellaia.com/en/>

#### VISIT AND LUNCH AT CASTELLO DI TERRICIO

A short drive up the hills brings us to this beautiful historic estate, with breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside and right to the sea. This noble farm seems unchanged since medieval times, and distant fields feature livestock and cereal as well as superbly located hillside vineyards. We will tour the atmospheric underground cellars and taste the excellent estate wines. Then, because the best things should never be hurried, we relax over a long leisurely lunch, discovering how the wines work so well with the local food. Tuscany at its best. <https://www.terriccio.it/en/home.html>

#### DOWNTIME AT THE HOTEL

It's now mid-afternoon, and time for a well-earned siesta back at the hotel.

#### SASSICAIA AT DINNER

Remaining at the hotel, with its sunset views over the sea, we propose a relaxed dinner, but with a unique Fine Vintage twist...we will open one of the most famous supertuscan superstar wines, the legendary Sassicaia. Is it as good, or even better than the Ornellaia of this morning? You get to be the judge.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 3

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### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> – THE BRUNELLOS OF MONTALCINO

#### 9:30 am – Check-out and departure for Montalcino

It's a bit earlier than I'd like, but we have urgent business in Montalcino. There's a host of Brunellos waiting for us to taste. A Count is preparing to receive us. Hilltop towns and sumptuous food are on the agenda. Get a coffee to go for the bus, the journey is beautiful, too.

#### TOUR AND TASTING AT COL D'ORCIA

This Tuscan Castello, for me, is a sanctuary. It's almost a religious experience. Col d'Orcia is an estate with a beautiful tranquility, replete with gorgeous courtyards, grounds, cellars and history. What is so very special is that the Count Cinzano himself, the owner of this grand estate, leads the tasting and formal presentation of the estate for you. Imagine sitting in this beautiful Tuscan winery, tasting a flight of 8 Brunellos, and listening to the Count. That's after the barrel tasting in their cellars, and an exploration of this unique place. Did I mention we also have a beautiful farm to table lunch here with more old Brunellos? Respect to Col d'Orcia. [www.coldorcia.com](http://www.coldorcia.com)

#### MONTALCINO

Italy is grandiose, so steeped in history, with hilltop towns that were fortresses. It's exciting to visit them. We head to Montalcino so you can have a wander, look out over the fortress walls at the vineyards, and sip a little espresso to wash down all those Brunellos. Six more to go. You can do it.

#### CASTELLO DI ARGIANO – TOUR AND TASTING

After our hilltop break, we climb another hill to visit a grand castello, Castello di Argiano. I've been going here for years, and always admired the wines, the people and the place. So, it was a happy moment when I saw they were ranked #1 Best Winery in the World by Spectator. A tour, a tasting, an experience, awaits. Viva Italia!

#### NH HOTEL SIENA

Big day. So many Brunellos. And one hour later we arrive at the hotel right in Siena, for a free evening. The hotel location couldn't be better. You are 1 minute walk from the entry gates, where it is pedestrian only, and 5-10 minutes' walk from the main square. The NH Hotel Siena has an expansive lobby, it's modern, and the service is good. Ideal as a base for you to go out and discover the medieval charms of Siena.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 4

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> - THE MAGIC OF CHIANTI CLASSICO

After three days of outstanding estates, wines, and dinners, today is a late start, and another opportunity to discover Siena. It's a dream-like city. You may as well be living in medieval times. My recommendation is to relax, enjoy a light early lunch in the square, and prepare for what's coming next.

#### 1:00 pm – Depart hotel

We drive into the hills of the Chianti Classico region. We go to 2 producers. The rest of this day is a candidate for the prize for best days ever curated on a Fine Vintage tour.

#### VISIT AND TASTING AT CASTELLO DI AMA

Our first visit is to a superstar. If I could ever own a winery in Tuscany it would be this one. Their single vineyard wines are the pinnacle of Sangiovese, at least for me. The estate is a juxtaposition between an ancient hamlet adorned with modern art. We see the vineyards, the cellars, the olive oil press, the art, we meet the people, have the tasting, honestly, it's heavenly.

#### CASTELLO DI BROLIO

I am so honored and thrilled to have our second visit. It is extremely special. Very few would ever experience this.

We will go to the Castello di Brolio, a castle so grand it almost resembles Windsor castle. We will have a tour, seeing where the Ricasoli family members resided hundreds of years ago, when 2 of them were Prime Ministers of Italy. After that, we go into the Baronial Hall in the Castle, which is the private residence of the current Ricasoli family, and we will have dinner.

At dinner, you will drink the finest of wines. Single vineyard, achieving ethereal heights, and complimented by a dinner that would be served to Italian nobility. I personally thank Baron Francesco Ricasoli for this great honor to visit his home. His forefathers wrote the rule book on how Chianti Classico should be made. Francesco has made has taken the quality to a whole new level, continuing the family legacy since 1141. [www.baronericasoli.com](http://www.baronericasoli.com)

After dinner, we should be back to the hotel around 10:30pm. The revellers can go out to the bars of Siena. Or maybe a dozen incredible wines and a feast for dinner was enough, in which case you can just go to bed. There's more to come.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 5

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> – ICONS OF CHIANTI

**10.00 am – Check-out of hotel and depart**

#### ANTINORI – TOUR AND TASTING

Did we save the best for last? Piero Antinori is one of the greatest vintners in history. You will go and visit a winery that, to me, is one of the greatest architectural statements in the wine world. Contrary to what we have seen so far, this is an ultra-modern temple to wine. We tour, and then we taste. We sit in a glass tasting room overhanging the barrel cellar. You will taste Solaia, which was ranked Best Wine in the World. You will experience The House of Antinori – The King of Tuscan Wine. [www.tignanello.com](http://www.tignanello.com)

#### LUNCH AT BADIA A PASSIGNANO

After our amazing visit and tasting, just up the road, 5 minutes away, Antinori also happen to own a Michelin star restaurant. I thought it was logical that we go there, and drink a vertical of Tignanello, over a long leisurely lunch. It's truly a beautiful place and is right in front of the Tignanello vineyard. Hopefully, my logic to drink Tig, at the Tig vineyard, all makes perfect sense. In fact, for 17 years we have been going to this gastronomic restaurant in the hills of Chianti Classico, right next to a monastery. Always first class. [www.osteriadipassignano.com/en](http://www.osteriadipassignano.com/en)

By 4 pm at latest we are on our way to Florence and will drop you off by 5 p.m. back at the same hotel as pick-up, which is a Hilton. The airport is 20-30 minutes away. If time is tight, you can book a cab from the restaurant and be at the airport directly by 5 pm.

Come and join us. It's truly magical. It's a signature tour. Tuscany. One of the world's classic wine regions.

#### 5:00 pm – Guest drop-off Anglo American Hotel

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Price: \$5,995 US including tax per person based on double occupancy. Space is limited to 20.

This is a luxurious trip, hosted by local and international wine experts, visiting the great estates with a small group of 20 like-minded fun-loving people. It's suited to all wine lovers. It's a bucket list trip. If you have any questions, please email us at [info@finevintageltd.com](mailto:info@finevintageltd.com).

