

LUXURY WINE TOUR TO TUSCANY

A Luxury Tour for Lovers of Tuscan Food and Wine

MAY 10th–14th, 2027

— Hosted by James Cluer MW

US $5,995 *per person*

This is a luxury food and wine tour to the greatest wineries in Tuscany. You will explore the classics of Chianti Classico, the jewels of Brunello di Montalcino, and the finest Super-Tuscans.

Hosted by James Cluer, 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.

COME AND DISCOVER

This is a sample itinerary. The final itinerary should be almost identical once the last wineries confirm.

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

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.**

SUPER TUSCAN HEAVEN: Tours, tastings, lunches and dinners at **Ornellaia, Guado al Tasso,** and the beautiful **Castello di Terriccio**.

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 the beautiful and luxurious Dievole Wine Resort in the heart of Chianti hill country, before moving to an extraordinary 5-star spa hotel right on the beach in Bolgheri.

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YOUR HOST



JAMES CLUER MW

JAMES has 3 decades of experience in the wine trade and now spends his time running Fine Vintage which operates in 15 countries.

Since 2010, James has personally designed each Fine Vintage tour, paying meticulous attention to the smallest detail. He has hosted all of them for several years. Today, James oversees every tour, directing the itineraries and ensuring the quality standards are at the highest level on every single trip

PRICE

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 I DAY 1

MONDAY, MAY 10th – ICONS OF CHIANTI

Meet with James at **9:30 am** in the reception of the Sina Villa Medici Hotel in Florence. From here, we depart by bus into the Chianti wine country.

SINA VILLA MEDICI HOTEL

Via Il Prato, 42, 50123 Florence
Tel#: +39 055 277171
Special discount on standard room rates available to Fine Vintage guests - please contact us for details.

ANTINORI – TOUR AND TASTING

Piero Antinori is one of the greatest vintners in history. We start by visiting a winery that, to me, is one of the greatest architectural statements in the wine world. 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. Antinori

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. Osteria di Passignano

CHECK IN AT DIEVOLE WINE RESORT

What better base for our stay in Chianti than the luxury Dievole Wine Resort. Located in the beautiful hill country to the north of Siena, Dievole is a beautiful 1500-acre estate with records dating back nearly 1000 years. The elegant rooms are located in 16th century buildings, lovingly restored and tastefully decorated. Vineyards, olive groves, gardens, two swimming pools and a gastronomic restaurant ensure you should enjoy every moment you have here. Dievole

WELCOME DINNER AT DIEVOLE

No need to get back in the coach, our first evening together will feature a welcome dinner at the Dievole resort fine dining restaurant, accompanied by the highly-rated wines of the estate. Dievole

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ITINERARY | DAY 2

TUESDAY, MAY 11th - THE MAGIC OF CHIANTI CLASSICO

VISIT AND LUNCH 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, and get a great leisurely Italian lunch too. Honestly, it's heavenly.

RADDA IN CHIANTI

Italy is grandiose, so steeped in history, with delightful hilltop towns commanding views over the surrounding countryside. It's exciting to visit them. We head to Radda-in-Chianti so you can have a wander, get a feel for a place that still feels almost medieval, and sip a little espresso before the next visit.

CASTELLO DI BROLIO

I am so honored and thrilled about this 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. Castello di Brolio

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ITINERARY I DAY 3

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12th – 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. Col d'Orcia

CASTELLO DI ARGIANO – TOUR AND TASTING

Replete with lunch, and hopefully some coffee too, we head up 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!

CHECK IN AT TOMBOLO RESORT HOTEL

A drive out of the hills and down to the coast brings us to 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 off for the rest of the day. There are lots of nice local restaurants in the town, all a short walk from the hotel, the evening is free for you to do as you please. Tombolo Resort Hotel

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ITINERARY I DAY 4

THURSDAY, MAY 13th – SUPER TUSCAN HEAVEN

After three days of outstanding estates, wines, and dinners, today is a free morning. If you like spa treatments, this is the moment to take advantage of the superb facilities at our hotel (but do think to book ahead). Alternatively, you can walk the beach, maybe swim too, or just sleep in and linger over breakfast. My recommendation is to relax, enjoy a light early lunch in town or at the hotel as you prefer, and prepare for what's coming next.

ORNELLAIA

This could be a 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. Ornellaia

FONTE DI FOIANO

Bolgheri is not just home to some of the world's most exciting wines, it is also a great place to grow olives. The Fonte di Foiano estate makes a range of award-winning olive oils, from their 30 hectares of olive groves. Our visit here will allow you to delve into the secrets of artisanal olive oil production, from the tree to the bottle. Naturally, the visit will conclude with a tasting, including a range of unique individual single variety bottlings. Fonte di Foiano

VISIT AND DINNER 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 dinner, at the winery's charming restaurant, right in the middle of the estate vineyards. A lovely place for a last evening together. Guado Al Tasso

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ITINERARY | DAY 5

FRIDAY, MAY 14th – HISTORIC AND AUTHENTIC TUSCANY

10.30 am – Check-out of hotel and depart

VISIT AND LUNCH AT CASTELLO DI TERRICCIO

Did we save the best for last? 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. After a tour of the vineyards, we will visit the atmospheric underground cellars, and taste the excellent estate wines. Then, because the best things should never be hurried, we relax over a (very) long leisurely lunch, discovering how the wines work so well with the local food. Tuscany at its best. Castello di Terriccio

6:00 pm – Guest drop-off Sina Villa Medici Hotel

By 4 pm we are on our way to Florence and will drop you off around 6pm back at the same spot as pick-up. The airport is 30 minutes away, but do check with us before booking an early evening flight out of Florence so we can advise precise timing.

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.