

Cooden Cellars' Trip to Bordeaux

Sunday May 13th- Thursday May 17th 2012

A sensational Wine Trip to Bordeaux.

A great opportunity to visit and taste some of the finest wines of the World. Guided by a professional wine expert with over 20 years experience.

Arrive Sunday in Bordeaux. Champagne reception with Hamish Wakes-Miller at the Hotel.



Monday AM Set off from Hotel. (Fully air conditioned chauffeur driven mini bus collected from the hotel)

Visit and tasting at **Chateau Pontet Canet**, 5th Growth Pauillac.

A fascinating visit to the vineyards, chai and barrel cellar of this up and coming biodynamic wine estate. We will taste barrel samples and older vintages.

Visit and tasting at **Chateau Lynch Bages**, 5th Growth Pauillac.

One of the best quality and value Chateaux of the area. Frequently this Chateau is rated alongside second growth wines. We will taste the 'primeur' barrel sample and older vintages.

Lunch at Cafe Lavinal, Bages, Pauillac.....a classic and great quality lunch in a French brasserie/café.

PM Visit and tasting at **Chateau Mouton Rothschild**, 1st Growth, Pauillac We will taste a barrel sample of this incredible wine. The 2010 is c. 700€ per bottle.

PM Visit and Tasting at **Chateau Pichon Longueville, Baron**, 2nd Growth Pauillac. Taste Pichon Baron, Les Tourelles, Pibran, Petit Villages and older vintages. This magnificent Château has stunning architecture and a beautiful wine.

Transfer back to hotel in Bordeaux.
Evening free to explore the beautiful city.



Tuesday AM

Breakfast at hotel then set off for **Chateau de la Riviere, Fronsac** A full guided tour of the Chateau and the incredible cellars and winemaking area. This Chateau currently produces some of the best quality and value wines of the right bank.

Lunch at L'Envers du Decor, St.Emilion.....an excellent wine bar and restaurant in the heart of the old village.

A couple of hours after lunch will be free to explore the old historical village and the many small shops.

Visit **Chateau Beausejour Becot Premier Grand Cru Classe, St.Emilion**. Followed by tasting of 2011 barrel sample and special visit to the cellars. We will also taste older vintages.

PM Guided tour of Saint Emilion and Pomerol vineyards.

PM Visit to **Chateau La Conseillante**, Pomerol. We will taste the 2010 barrel sample and older vintages.

Evening to explore Bordeaux city centre. There are many fabulous wine bars, restaurants and architecture to enjoy in this Unesco World Heritage City



Wednesday AM

After a French breakfast at the hotel:

Visit to **Château Haut Brion**. Premier Grand Cru Classe, Graves.



We will visit the Château, Explore the cellars and winemaking area and taste the excellent barrel samples from Haut Brion and La Mission Haut Brion.

Visit to Chateau Smith Haut Lafitte, Graves



An excellent visit to the cellars, the winemaking area and also to see how barrels are made at their own cooperage. A tasting of the 2011 barrel samples as well as older vintages.

We will also see the 5 star spa Hotel and treatments using grape juice and grape oils.

After the Chateau visit and tasting we drop in to an excellent restaurant in the nearby village of Martillac.



After lunch we travel to **Chateau d'Yquem** in Sauternes

These wines are some of the longest lived and most concentrated and elegant sweet wines made anywhere in the world. We will taste this legendary wine at the Chateau after a full guided tour of the cellars and the winemaking area.

The tour ends on Wednesday evening in Bordeaux.

Thursday AM: Depart from hotel and transfer to the airport.

Specific Chateau visits may alter, but the intention will remain to keep the priority as top quality,

The tour includes:

All accommodation costs (4 nights at a 3 star Bordeaux Hotel)

4 breakfasts

Lunch on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, including wine.

All transport costs, drivers, guides and Chateau entry costs and tastings. We will taste and enjoy some wines which are sold for over €1000 per bottle.

There will be opportunities to buy wine, which can be delivered at a later date.

The costs are :

The full tour above with 4 nights accommodation at *The Hotel Normandie*, An excellent 3 star hotel in the centre of Bordeaux. £1850 per person. The hotel price includes a full breakfast.

There is a single supplement of £250 per person.

Further Options:

Dinner at Chateau: We can quote for a private dinner if required.

What the tour does not include:

Flights to and from Bordeaux

The costs of dinners in Bordeaux....there are many options from small wine bars to high dining! We are happy to make bookings at restaurants and advise which the preferred options are. We will be eating well at lunchtime, so the options are open to have a light meal or a full blow out.

Personal Travel Insurance.

If you are interested in this trip, please fill in and send the attached form or simply email us, and we will contact you with more details.

Cooden Cellars' Bordeaux Trip 2012

Expression of Interest Form

Surname:

First Name:

Contact Address:

Telephone number:

Email address:

Dietary Requirements or Food Allergies:

Send to: Cooden Cellars, 23 Northridge Park, Haywood Way, Hastings, TN35 4PL

This wine tour is run by Hamish Wakes-Miller.

Hamish lives in the South of France and speaks fluent French as well as regularly travelling to the UK to introduce new exciting wines to quality specialist independent wine merchants. He works closely with many of the Chateaux who we visit on this tour.

Hamish has been a Judge at the International Wine Challenge in the UK for over 10 years. He has contributed as a taster to Decanter and Wine Magazine in the UK.

Hamish worked in Saint Emilion over 20 years ago and fell in love with the wines.

Recently Hamish has been awarded the Honour of 'Gentilhomme de Fronsac' for his achievements and passion for the wines of Fronsac.

Hamish is happy to answer questions regarding this wine tour and he can be contacted on 00 44(0)7778 006691 or Hamish@bellawines.co.uk

Cooden Cellars:

**Colin or Ian would be delighted to discuss this trip further with you on
01323-649663 or 01424-421453**

info@coodencellars.co.uk