

Meet the king of the territory: The Brunello di Montalcino. Thursday full day



Description

A trip around the Brunello's wineries in a van.

Artemisia Viaggi in collaboration with some local wine producers, every year, from March to November, creates original wine trips that will lead tourists and fans inside the most charming wine cellars which produce the king of Italian wines: **Brunello di Montalcino**.

An experience among the vineyards and the grapes of Brunello to tell the story, the production

secrets, the men who have made "prestigious" Montalcino and its territory.

The **BRUNELLO WINE BUS** will let you to know the wine producers from Montalcino to discover the wineries, the colors and the scents of the vineyards, taste the wines and local products!

A good opportunity to learn about the fascinating world of wine: guided tours, tastings and, above all, the chance to make a very quiet trip, without having the worry about the breathalyser after sipping a glass of good wine.

The best way for a Montalcino wine tours!

Itinerary

10.00 am Departure time from Montalcino – Via Circonvallazione, 3

10.15 am SASSODISOLE

Sassodisole winery is a family own business. It is situated in a peculiar area within north-eastern side of Montalcino council and the **Natural Artistic Park of Orcia's Valley**, which has been recently nominated **UNESCO** World Heritage Site.

The 8 ha vineyard is located 300 metres above the sea level and it is south and south-west facing.

11.50 am MARTOCCIA

Martoccia **story** is a story of passion and love. Passion for wine and land, love for tradition. In the welcoming **cellar** the youngest red wine to the most prestigious **Brunello** are stored. Here oakbarrels and barriques give un mistakable aromas and enveloping fragrances to each wine

1.15 pm Come back to Montalcino – Lunch time

3.30 pm Departure time from Montalcino – Via Circonvallazione, 3

3.45 pm FRIGGIALI

The Friggiali Estate is located In the heart of Montalcino, a wine-growing company appreciated all over the world.

Mrs. Olga Peluso, general manager of the company and daughter of the founder Mrs. Marisa

Centolani, known in the wine's world as Donna Olga, will be delighted to welcome you at her estate, where besides the open air museum, you will have the opportunity to share the passion and love for the wine's world

5.30 pm **COSTANTI**

One of the most historical winery in Montalcino. The villa “**Colle al Matrichese**”, has been the residence of the Costanti family since the middle of the 15th century. The estate also produces Extra Virgin Olive Oil, Grappa di Brunello Riserva.

7.00pm Return in Montalcino - Via Circonvallazione, 3

DURATION 7/8 hours

Includes

- picked up and taken back/at your hotel (if located within 5 Km from Montalcino) or meeting point at Viale della Libertà, 12 in Montalcino (ARTEMISIA VIAGGI's office) on the date and the time specified
- Transportation in Minivan (seating 8)
- driver and multilingual guide (English-Italian-Spanish)
- guided visit in two different cellars
- tutored wine tasting of Rosso and Brunello di Montalcino

Cellars

PODERE LE RIPI

Podere Le Ripi is a small biodynamic winery located in Montalcino (SI) and owned by **Francesco Illy**. 12 hectares of vineyards divided among Merlot, Syrah and the Sangiovese Grosso for the production of the famous wine *Brunello di Montalcino*.

Francesco's aims are: quality and the respect of an uncontaminated nature. Biodynamic was an inevitable choice to encourage life in the soil, allowing micro-organisms to multiply and creating a rich, nutritious material for the grapes. The wines become more complex as a result and the plants stay healthy exuding the joy of living.

To build the "Golden Cellar" more than 750.000 bricks have been manually laid down during a period of 4 years. In the centre the **Dome**, resembling the Pantheon of Rome and all around a vaulted tunnel enveloping the Dome for circa 2 turns. The cellar is in a continuous slope. Fermentation in the highest part, the bottling line as well as the ageing in the lowest one in order to allow us to do all the pourings by gravity, comfortably moving the tanks up and down with a fork lift.

VILLA LE PRATA

Villa Le Prata was built in the 1860 by Count De' Vecchi. Later, the house became the country home of the **Bishop of Montalcino, Massimo Losappio** and his wife, **Marialuce**, acquired the Villa in 1980.

Driven by a passion for wine and the pleasure of sharing the bounty of this land with friends, Prof. Losappio chose to plant the first hectare of vineyard near the Villa, at 500 meters above sea level.

Subsequently, he planted two more vineyards in the area of Castelnuovo Dell'Abate, at 200 and 250 meters above sea level.

These three vineyards in three different areas create the perfect combination of aromas and perfumes offered by the altitude and the body and structure found only in this land south of Montalcino.

We currently produce 15,000 bottles of Brunello di Montalcino, 5000 of Rosso di Montalcino and only in the best vintages, 600 bottles of **Brunello di Montalcino Selection / Reserve "Massimo"**.

Villa Le Prata is a very small winery where the members of the family work with great passion to obtain only highest quality wines.

CASISANO

Podere Casisano stands among the silent hills of Tuscany, surrounded by noble vineyards and majestic olive trees. Casisano wines are the result of 100 years of passion, experience and love for the superb Montalcino lands. Another story of the **Tommasi Family**, based on tradition and prestigious wine estates. Podere Casisano is a splendid natural terrace overlooking the southern area of Montalcino, nearby St. Antimo Abbey. The total estate is 53 hectares, of which 22 are vineyards, 8 are planted with olive trees, and the rest is covered with old-centuries woods. The precious Casisano wines refine and age in the harmonic silence of the underground cellars. As a project dedicated to highlight the prestigious Montalcino denominations, Podere Casisano represents the perfect union between the centuries-old tradition of vocationed lands and a winemaking maturity experienced by the **Tommasi Family**. You just need to seat and taste Casisano wines to recognize the unique and unmistakable value enclosed in each bottle.

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Price

Price per person: € 210,00

If you want, at the end of the morning tour, you'll have a time for lunch in a small winery inside an historical villa liberty, (4 coursed menu, starting with traditional tuscan appetizer, main course, hand made pasta seasoned with chianina beef sauce, second course meat with grilled vegetables from the farm's vegetable garden seasoned with extravirgin olive oil) and finish with dessert paired with Vin Santo and espresso coffee). The farm is located 10 km far away from Montalcino, it's a nice way to discover the truly old Tuscany culinary tradition. The meal is paired with Rosso di Montalcino and Brunello di Montalcino Wine. (the food it's genuine and delicious).

Minimum 2, maximum 8 people

When

Every **Thursday** from March to November

Policy

CANCELLATION POLICY

- penalty of 30% of the total amount for cancellation within 90 days before the date of the tour
- penalty of 50% of the total amount for cancellation within 21 days before the date of the tour
- penalty of 90% of the total amount for cancellation within 14 days before the date of the tour
- no refund for further cancellations or no shows. There will be no refunds for clients who will be not present at the meeting point on time for the start of the tour and clients who lose contact with the guide or do not complete the excursion