



# LUXURY WINE TOUR TO BORDEAUX

The Great Estates of Bordeaux

**OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

— Hosted by Philip Goodband, MW —

**US \$4,495** per person

Join us on a spectacular tour to visit some of the greatest wine estates in the world.

Experience private visits with tastings of exceptional wines, dine at a 2-star Michelin restaurant and stay at a luxury 5-star hotel nestled in historic vineyards. Your host, Philip Goodband MW, is a passionate expert on Bordeaux.

Each day includes visits and tastings at some of the most famous names in Bordeaux; châteaux that have a long history and whose wines are revered around the world. We will be shown inside these great estates, learning how they produce and operate, before enjoying spectacular tastings.

## COME AND DISCOVER

**GREAT GROWTHS OF THE MÉDOC** with visits to **Château Brane-Cantenac** and **Château Lynch-Bages**, and a private lunch with the owner at Super Second **Château Ducru-Beaucaillou**.

**SWEET INDULGENCE IN SAUTERNES** at First Growth **Château Suduiraut** and Second Growth **Château d'Arche**, where we will also have a private lunch with the team and sip on multiple decades of Sauternes.

**DISTINGUISHED ESTATES IN PESSAC-LÉOGNAN** with visits to Cru Classés **Château Pape-Clément** and **Château Smith Haut Lafitte**. and a private lunch hosted by **Château Haut-Bailly**.

**TOP-RATED RIGHT BANK** with visits to Grand Cru Classés **Château Beau-Séjour Bécot** and **Château Canon-la-Gaffelière** in St-Émilion, a tasting and private lunch at **Château Beaugard** in Pomerol, and a 1-star Michelin dinner at **Logis de la Cadène**.

**NÉGOCIANTS OF BORDEAUX:** an educational, behind the scenes visit and private lunch at one of Bordeaux's leading négociants, **Millésmia**.



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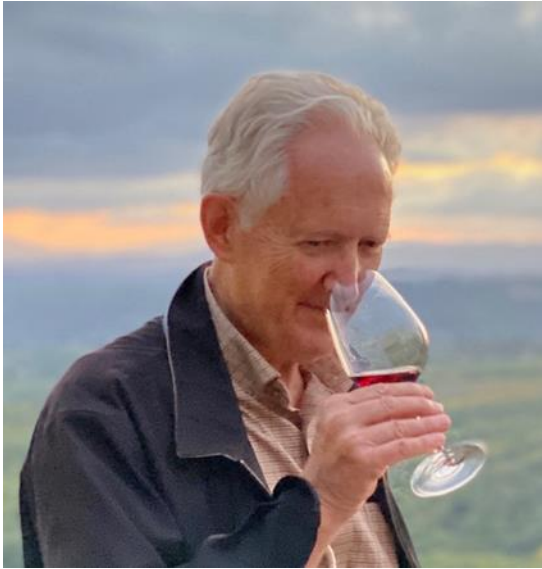
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## YOUR HOST

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### PHILIP GOODBAND MW

You will be hosted by Philip Goodband MW, who served as wine adviser to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother for over a decade. He is a true wine professional with a deep knowledge and love for Bordeaux, and its wines.

A UK resident and former Chairman of the Institute of Masters of Wine, his work and travels for major wine companies and consultancy have taken him around the globe resulting in a unique blend of knowledge and experience, which he happily shares in a very enjoyable and engaging style.

[www.philipgoodband.com](http://www.philipgoodband.com).

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## PRICE

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**US \$4,495 (including a non-refundable \$100 administration fee)**

The price includes accommodation at Les Sources de Caudalie, all meals except on Wednesday evening, superb wines at all meals, all châteaux visits and tastings, and local transport. Transportation to and from Bordeaux, items of a personal nature, and travel insurance are not included. We recommend that you contact your travel agent to arrange travel insurance.

There is a US\$900 supplement for single travelers for a single occupancy hotel room.

Deposit at booking: \$4,495 (plus single supplement if applicable).



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# CHILTON CLUB EXCLUSIVE LUXURY WINE TOUR TO BORDEAUX

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## ITINERARY | DAY 1

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

Our hotel for the entire duration is the luxury **Les Sources de Caudalie** located about 25 minutes by taxi from the airport or train station. [www.sources-caudalie.com](http://www.sources-caudalie.com)

The 5-star Les Sources de Caudalie is a favourite place to stay because it is so gorgeous, surrounded by vineyards. The hotel also offers three excellent restaurants, swimming pools, fitness centre, and, of course, its world-class, grape-based Vinothérapie Spa.

### 2.00 PM

Meet Philip in the Tasting Tower above the lobby at Les Sources de Caudalie for a Champagne reception, introductions, and a review of the itinerary. Philip will also give a general overview of Bordeaux, some basic facts, and an idea of what to expect on the tour.

### CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE, AOC PESSAC-LÉOGNAN - CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

We then kick off our program of winery visits just 100 metres from the hotel at Château Smith Haut Lafitte with a tour and tasting.

Smith Haut Lafitte is one of the leading chateaux in Pessac-Léognan. It's a stunning property run by the Cathiard family who sold a chain of sports goods stores to purchase the estate. Smith is one of my favourite wineries in Bordeaux with an amazing underground cellar and its own cooperage. The white wines rank in The Wine Spectator's top 100 wines of the world and the critics regularly score the reds well into the 90's. [www.smith-haut-lafitte.com](http://www.smith-haut-lafitte.com)

In the evening we will have a lively dinner at the hotel's La Table du Lavoir bistro. The food is classic Bordelais and we will pair it with some great vintages of Smith as well as a Sauternes. It's a fun night getting to know others on the tour, a maximum of 20 people.



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### ITINERARY | DAY 2

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#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – THE MÉDOC

##### 9.00 am – Depart Hotel

The morning departures get later during the trip, but today we're raring to get to the Médoc.

##### CHÂTEAU BRANE-CANTENAC, AOC MARGAUX – 2<sup>ND</sup> GROWTH

Recognised as a Second Growth in the 1855 Classification, Château Brane-Cantenac is today very ably run by Henri Lurton, who inherited the property from his father, Lucien. Over the last 30 years, Henri has been investing extensively in new tanks and renovating the winery as well as substantially improving the vineyard management. It is now one of the best performing chateaux in Margaux, with wine that has the structure to age with elegance and a lovely, perfumed nose. [www.brane-cantenac.com](http://www.brane-cantenac.com)

##### CHÂTEAU DUCRU-BEAUCAILLOU, AOC ST.-JULIEN – 2<sup>ND</sup> GROWTH

Ducru-Beaucaillou is often considered to be St.-Julien's top château and worthy of a First Growth status. The stunning property sits atop a gravelly rise on the banks of the Gironde that lends its name to the château itself: *beaux cailloux*, or "beautiful stones." A tour and tasting will be followed by a long lunch in the owner's private dining room, and lots of vintages of Ducru. [www.ducru-beaucaillou.com](http://www.ducru-beaucaillou.com)

##### CHÂTEAU LYNCH-BAGES, AOC PAUILLAC – 5<sup>TH</sup> GROWTH

Classified as a 5<sup>th</sup> Growth in 1855, Lynch-Bages is one of those estates that over-delivers each vintage. Our visit will begin with a tour of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century farmhouse juxtaposed to the eye-popping pyramid-inspired ultra-modern winemaking facilities. The tour will conclude with a tasting of 5 different wines, including wines from Lynch-Bages and their other properties, Ormes de Pez and Haut-Batailley. [www.lynch-bages.mobi/en/chateau-lynch-bages](http://www.lynch-bages.mobi/en/chateau-lynch-bages)

##### CANAPES & WINE EVENING AT LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE

After a great day in the Médoc we will return to Les Sources de Caudalie and relax. In the Rouge wine bar tonight we have a lovely tasting of other Medoc wines, both big names and smaller lesser known châteaux. Delicious canapes are served with the wines and it's a nice chance to mingle. After a big day filled with great wines and a serious lunch in the Médoc, tonight is a laid-back evening at our hotel. If you wish to have dinner after, we recommend making a reservation at one of the 3 restaurants ahead of time.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 3

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### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - GRAVES & SAUTERNES

#### 10:15 am – Depart Hotel

Board our luxury coach for a day visiting the great estates of Pessac-Léognan and Sauternes.

#### CHÂTEAU PAPE-CLÉMENT - CRU CLASSÉ DE GRAVES

By now you have had 4 spectacular visits and have tasted of among the very best of Bordeaux. Now is your chance to play Bordeaux winemaker at Château Pape-Clément, one of the oldest estates on the Left Bank. We begin our two-hour visit with a tour of the historic estate and its vineyards and cellars. You will then be presented with a set of vials containing various combinations of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot that you get to taste and then create your own master blend. This could be the start of your new career as a winemaker, so keep a resume handy in case Pape-Clément is hiring. [www.chateau-pape-clement.fr](http://www.chateau-pape-clement.fr)

#### CHÂTEAU D'ARCHE, AOC SAUTERNES – 2<sup>ND</sup> GROWTH

It's time for a change of pace from the dry reds and whites by heading to Sauternes to discover the honeyed dessert wines of this classic region. We start our visit to the area at Château d'Arche, which is an attractive property, well situated on a little ridge in Sauternes. They produce a lighter style to appeal to a younger consumer, as well as their very fine first label. We will enjoy a selection of their wines carefully paired with the menu, at a private lunch hosted by the estate. [www.chateau-arche.fr](http://www.chateau-arche.fr)

#### CHÂTEAU SUDUIRAUT, AOC SAUTERNES – 1<sup>ST</sup> GROWTH

With a history as rich as their wines, a visit to Château Suduiraut is a great way to end the day. The estate dates back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century and in 1855 their wines were classified as a Sauternes Premier Cru Classé. Sémillon and Sauvignon Blanc here combine to create wines that can evolve for decades in bottle. It's an experience to see how they make this stunning wine and then have the opportunity to taste different vintages. [www.suduiraut.com](http://www.suduiraut.com)

#### FREE EVENING

We return to Les Sources de Caudalie at around 7.00 pm. Tonight is a free evening to relax at Les Sources de Caudalie or take a taxi into Bordeaux for an evening on the town.



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## ITINERARY | DAY 4

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### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> – ST-ÉMILION & POMEROL

#### 10.00 am – Depart Hotel

Depart for the chateaux of the Right Bank.

#### CHÂTEAUX PETIT VILLAGE & BEAUREGARD, AOC POMEROL

Both of these rising stars in Pomerol are owned jointly by the Moulin family and the Cathiard family of Château Smith Haut Lafitte. We will be treated to a visit and tasting at both estates so we can compare the styles before settling down to a wonderful lunch, which will of course be paired with their opulent, black-fruit driven, ageworthy. [www.chateau-beauregard.com](http://www.chateau-beauregard.com)

#### CHÂTEAU CANON-LA-GAFFELIÈRE, AOC ST-ÉMILION GRAND CRU - 1<sup>ER</sup> GRAND CRU CLASSÉ (B)

The van Neipperg family trace their viticultural roots as far back as the 13<sup>th</sup> century and today are the proud owners of this illustrious estate. Located on the south slope of the famed St.-Émilion limestone escarpment, the vineyard is planted to nearly equal proportions of Merlot and Cabernet Franc. This high proportion of Cabernet Franc gives the wines of Canon-la-Gaffelière a powerful aromatic complexity that is atypical for the region. Our visit will include a horizontal tasting of their *grand vin* alongside wines from other van Neipperg properties on the Right Bank. This terroir-driven tasting will showcase how the Merlot-driven wines of the area have their own distinct and magnificent character. [www.neipperg.com/en/chateaux/chateau-canon-la-gaffeliere](http://www.neipperg.com/en/chateaux/chateau-canon-la-gaffeliere)

#### CHÂTEAU BEAU-SÉJOUR BÉCOT, AOC ST-ÉMILION GRAND CRU - 1<sup>ER</sup> GRAND CRU CLASSÉ (B)

We end the day at Château Beau-Séjour Bécot, a highly- respected family-run (Bécot family) First Growth in St.-Émilion. The 54-acre property has a viticultural history that dates back to Gallo-Roman times and is located on St.-Émilion's famed limestone plateau. The wines are rich and powerful yet delicately balanced with an aging capacity of at least 20 years. [www.beausejour-becot.com](http://www.beausejour-becot.com)

#### VISIT TO ST-ÉMILION

We'll then head into the historic town of St-Émilion, a UNESCO World Heritage site and perhaps the most beautiful wine village in the world. Steep cobblestone streets wind their way through the medieval center. This is a great spot to buy wine as most châteaux do not sell when you visit.

#### DINNER AT LOGIS DE LA CADÈNE

We will be dining at the charming restaurant in the center of St. Emilion, the Logis de la Cadène, which is owned by the Bouïard family of Angélus. We will start with a glass of Champagne before enjoying the 5-course menu which highlights local produce, with the chef sourcing top quality, fresh ingredients as close to home as possible. The cooking has a delicacy, together with beautiful presentation and the staff are attentive and friendly but discrete. The restaurant already has 1 Michelin rosette and it is certainly aiming for another!

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## ITINERARY | DAY 5

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### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup> – BUSINESS OF BORDEAUX

You can either check out of the hotel or arrange to stay additional day(s).

#### 10.00 AM – CHÂTEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE

After a slow start and a delicious breakfast there's an optional walk back over to Smith Haut Lafitte to meet the winemaker and see the barrel-maker in action. Or you can sleep in, have a swim, and catch us after the visit.

#### 11.45 am – Depart Hotel

If you are checking out, we'll put your bags on the bus.

#### MILLESIMA – BORDEAUX FINE WINE MERCHANT

To wrap up the tour we visit one of Bordeaux's leading fine wine merchants, Millésima. They have enormous 200-year-old cellars, equipped with modern storage technology, where over 2,500,000 bottles are gently resting. They ship internationally so, if you wish, you can buy some wine, as many of the chateaux we visit do not sell directly to the consumer. We will lunch in the iconic Imperial Library where the large format bottles are stored. [www.millesima.com](http://www.millesima.com)

#### THE TOUR WINDS DOWN

The bus will go to the train station arriving at 4.00 pm, and then to the airport by 5.30 pm, before returning to the hotel for anyone who is staying on. Leave yourself some extra time for unexpected traffic delays when booking trains and planes.

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**Price: \$4,495 US including \$100 US administration booking fee per person based on double occupancy.**

**There is a \$900 US per person single supplement.**

**Space is limited to 20.**

It will be a great trip with lots of fine wine, great food, amazing chateaux, a luxury hotel, a nice amount of wine education and many, many laughs. If you have any questions, please email us at [info@finevintageltd.com](mailto:info@finevintageltd.com).

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