



LUXURY TOUR OF SONOMA

Experience the Beauty of the Sonoma Valley

FEBRUARY 20TH – 23RD 2025

— Hosted by Philip Goodband MW —

US \$4,995 *per person*

Come and taste the finest wines in one of the most acclaimed wine regions in North America.

Experience private visits at some of the most famous wineries, have 5-star meals showcasing the local cuisine, all while staying at an historic luxurious hotel.

Hosted by Master of Wine Philip Goodband, a specialist in the region, you'll experience Sonoma Valley in a way very few get to. You'll be shown inside the treasures of historic wineries that have a reputation heard around the globe, learning how they produce and operate, before tasting through their grand cuvees worth hundreds of dollars per bottle.

COME AND DISCOVER

GET ESCORTED in luxury from downtown San Francisco and take a relaxing drive to the heart of Sonoma.

VISIT THE PRESTITGIOUS wineries of **Matanzas Creek, Flowers Vineyard & Winery, Kistler Vineyards, Stonestreet Estate Vineyards, and Silver Oak Alexander Valley.**

ENJOY DELECTABLE BITES with the experts at **Kendall-Jackson, J Vineyards, and DeLorimier.**

WORLD-CLASS MEALS & ACCOMMODATIONS at the renowned **Dry Creek Kitchen** and a private winemakers' dinner hosted by the historic **Hotel Healdsburg**, your luxurious home for your stay in Sonoma.



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YOUR HOST



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 Sonoma and its wines.

A California 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.

PRICE

US \$4,995 per person

The price includes accommodation at the Hotel Healdsburg, all meals except on the Friday evening, superb wines at all meals, all winery visits and tastings, local transport from San Francisco and around Sonoma, and all taxes and gratuities. Transportation to and from San Francisco, 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: \$250 non-refundable registration fee.

120 days from start: Remaining deposit (plus single supplement if applicable).



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ITINERARY | DAY 1

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH – THE HISTORIC ICONS OF SONOMA

10:00am

Meet your host Philip in the lobby of the [Westin St. Francis San Francisco on Union Square](#) in downtown San Francisco. We unfortunately do not have a special rate here so you will need to contact them directly for a reservation.

[The Westin St. Francis San Francisco on Union Square](#)

335 Powell Street
San Francisco, CA
Tel: 415-397-7000

We will leave at 10:00am sharply for the 2 hour drive to Sonoma in our luxury bus. This comfortable ride kicks off our first day as we introduce Sonoma to you in style.

At noon, we'll begin your Sonoma experience at the famed [Kendall-Jackson](#) estate where we will indulge in a decadent 5-course meal. Their signature farm-to-table experience offers an amazing welcome into Sonoma's fresh local ingredients, paired with a selection of their small-production, limited-release wines.

Next, we visit [Matanzas Creek](#) in the beautiful Bennett Valley for a tasting of their iconic Sauvignon Blancs and Merlots. Surrounded by their luscious lavender gardens, we'll taste through their lovely wines with their winemaker Marcia.

After visiting Matanzas Creek, we will make our way over to the luxurious [Hotel Healdsburg](#), a treasure nestled right in the heart of Sonoma. Replete with gorgeous suites, a full spa, pool, and country gardens, this will be home for our 3 nights in Sonoma.

[Hotel Healdsburg](#)

25 Matheson St
Healdsburg, CA
Tel: 707-431-2800

We'll conclude our first day at [Dry Creek Kitchen](#), just a short walk from the Hotel Healdsburg. Tonight will be a tremendous 3-course meal prepared by Chef Charlie Palmer. The menu will showcase the local cuisine and all paired with a range of Sonoma's classic wines.



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ITINERARY | DAY 2

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST – ELEGANCE IN A GLASS

9.30 am – Depart Hotel

Enjoy your breakfast at the Hotel Healdsburg (included in your stay) before setting off for our next full day of exclusive visits focusing on the beautiful Chardonnays & Pinot Noirs of Sonoma.

We will begin our day of delicacy with a visit to [Kistler Vineyards](#), a Sonoma specialist in terroir-driven wines. Our visit will begin with a walk through their beautiful grounds, followed by a tasting of their single-vineyard Chardonnay and Pinot Noir wines, all while enjoying light seasonal bites perfectly paired with these exceptional wines.

Following Kistler, we head over to [J Vineyards](#). Located in the heart of the Russian River Valley, J Vineyards is one of Sonoma's leading producers of traditional method sparkling wines, combining the elegance of Champagne with the terroir of Sonoma. Our visit includes a 5-course lunch that will present the best local ingredients with innovative cooking techniques. The meal and pairings tell the story of the relationship between the land and their award winning wines.

We wrap up our second day with a visit to [Flowers Vineyard & Winery](#). Inspired by the elegance of Burgundy, Flowers was one of the first to recognize the potential for fine wines from the fog-surrounded lands of the Sonoma Coast. We'll taste through their most elegant Pinots and Chardonnays, accompanied by hand-crafted bites amid the estates gorgeously lush gardens.

We will return to the Hotel Healdsburg at round 5:00pm. This evening is free for you to enjoy in Healdsburg. We'll give you recommendations of the must-see spots nearby.



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ITINERARY | DAY 3

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND – POWER AND STRUCTURE

09.30 am – Depart Hotel

Board our luxury bus for a day focusing on the exceptional Cabernet Sauvignons of Sonoma.

Our day kicks off at [Stonestreet Estate Vineyards](#), which is set among 5,300 acres in the mountainous Alexander Valley AVA. This winery stands out as one of the most extensive mountain estates in the world with a dazzling 170 micro-vineyards, each of which is a testament to the quality of high-elevation grape-growing. Our visit will include an off-road adventure through these stunning vineyards followed by a tasting of their signature wines carved from the extreme landscape.

By now you likely will have worked up an appetite after exploring the expansive hills of Alexander Valley, so we are off to [DeLorimier Winery](#) for a 4-course seasonal lunch. Known for one of the top food and wine experiences in Sonoma, along with their praised Cabernet Sauvignon you'll also enjoy their fantastic Primitivo and Meritage wines.

Our final winery visit of the day will take us to [Silver Oak Alexander Valley](#). Silver Oak has two estates, one in Napa and the other nestled in the Alexander Valley in Sonoma. It is this Sonoma vineyard where Silver Oak's first vineyards were planted in 1970 and we will enjoy a vertical of 6 wines, tasting through the years as you learn about how these beloved Cabernets evolve with time in bottle.

After a full-day of tasting the powerful Cabernets of Sonoma, we will return to Healdsburg at around 6:00pm. After a brief rest, the Hotel Healdsburg will host a private winemakers' dinner. As you have seen over the past 3 days, Sonoma is a vast, diverse wine region and we only had a chance to sample a small portion of what this incredible county has to offer. Joining us tonight will be winemakers from leading wineries who will pair their crafted wines with each course.



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ITINERARY | DAY 4

END OF TOUR

11.00 am – Depart Hotel

Sleep in and enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel amenities or strolling through downtown Healdsburg before boarding your luxury coach back to San Francisco.

We will first bring guests back to the Westin St. Francis on Union Square for those who wish to stay on a few more days in San Francisco, arriving at Union Square at around 1:00pm.

From there, the bus will continue on to SFO with an estimated arrival time of 2:00pm. Leave yourself some extra time for unexpected traffic delays when booking onward travel plans.

Price: \$4,995 US (including non-refundable deposit of \$250) 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 wineries, 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.

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