



CASTELLO DI CASOLE

A BELMOND HOTEL
TUSCANY

Curiosity Circle

MEET LOCAL WINEMAKERS
Thursday 5 - Sunday 8 October 2023

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Unearth some of Italy's most sought-after wines on an inspiring three-day retreat at Castello di Casole, A Belmond Hotel in Tuscany. This experience embraces the concept of Curiosity Circle, which focuses on personal and intellectual growth. On a journey of taste and discovery, normally closed doors will open to reveal time-honoured traditions and genuine products. Broaden your horizons and discover the significance of grapes and Tuscan terroir in a truly surprising setting. The event includes exclusive visits to two acclaimed wineries, Castello di Ama and Il Caggio, located in the Chianti Classico countryside and the tasting of exceptional wines in the company of their makers. Your engaging guide is Tom Harrow, British wine expert and passionate storyteller who will accompany you in your vinous retreat.



About the master: Tom Harrow

Tom “Wine Chap” Harrow, “the nattiest dresser in the wine trade” (The Spectator), has written about the world’s greatest wines and winemakers for a number of luxury titles and is one of the UK’s most influential commentators, consultants and wine hosts.

Through his award-winning company Honest Grapes he curates fine wine portfolios for clients around the world and curates exceptional wine-based experiences, which The FT’s How To Spend IT likens to “Sideways on steroids”.

Schedule

Thursday 5th October

Independent arrival at Castello di Casole

AFTERNOON

- **ART OF THE BLEND MASTERCLASS
LED BY TOM HARROW**
Begin your vinous adventure with this interactive experience exploring key grapes that form the building blocks of Tuscany's wine revolution.
- After a welcome cocktail dinatoire, enjoy a truffle hunting activity at night to find the precious tuber on our grounds. You will be guided by an expert truffle hunter and his Lagotto Romagnolo dogs. The following day you will experience a dedicated dinner based on these findings.



Friday 6th October

MORNING

- Set out on a ride to Tenuta Il Caggio, a medieval estate at the forefront of Italian winemaking surrounded by rolling hills adorned with Sangiovese vines. Be greeted by the Mazzei Family, passionate winemakers from the XIV century, who will unveil the intriguing story of Ipsus. Enjoy a private visit of the cellar and wine tasting as Giovanni Mazzei tells you more about his project. Culminate with a delicious lunch in the garden of the family's private home overlooking the Tuscan hills.

EVENING

- **SIGNATURES OF TUSCANY: TRUFFLES AND SANGIOVESE, LED BY TOM HARROW**
Enjoy a decadent truffle-pairing dinner, gaining an insight into the history of truffles and truffle hunting, together with a tasting of classic Sangiovese-based wines – Chianti, Morellino, Montepulciano and Brunello.



Saturday 7th October

MORNING

- Depart from the hotel and journey to Castello di Ama, an acclaimed local winery in the heart of Chianti Classico. You'll be welcomed by Lorenza Sebasti, the owner, before visiting the estate. Stroll through the ancient hamlet and admire site-specific art installations by internationally renowned artists capturing the spirit of the locale. Continue with an inviting aperitif by the artificial lake chosen by the American neo-conceptualist Jenny Holzer to design her two-acre garden 'Per Ama'. Then sit down to lunch at Il Ristoro di Villa Pianigiani, the estate's restaurant, and enjoy a special wine pairing with Castello di Ama's best labels.

EVENING

- ETRUSCAN TO SUPERTUSCAN DINNER: ANCIENT ETRUSCAN CULTURE & MODERN SUPERTUSCANS, WITH MARCO BEZZINI AND TOM HARROW
Indulge in a fascinating evening of history and storytelling as a local Etruscology specialist takes you back to sophisticated, pre-Roman Etruria and Tom Harrow introduces you to the equally fabled Supertuscan wines.

Sunday 8th October

- Independent departure from Castello di Casole



PACKAGE INFO

Three-day retreat from
5-8 October 2023
(subject to availability and conditions apply)

INCLUDES:

Art of the Blend Masterclass;
Cocktail dinatoire and truffle hunt;
Transport and visit to Tenuta Il Caggio;
Truffles and Sangiovese dinner;
Transport and visit to Castello di Ama;
Etruscan dinner.

PRICES

for a three-night retreat

Deluxe Junior Suite: € 7,000 for one guest - € 8,500 per couple
Premium Junior Suite: € 7,500 for one guest - € 9,000 per couple
Oliveto Suite: € 8,000 for one guest - € 9,500 per couple
Limonaia Suite: € 8,500 for one guest - € 10,000 per couple

CONTACT

Due to the limited number of places
available for this exclusive retreat,
we invite you to book as soon as possible
by emailing reservations.cdc@belmond.com
by 14th September 2023.