



Burgundy Unfiltered

Taste and Tour with Wine Expert Ben Weinberg



November 4 - 11, 2012: Burgundy, France

Follow ancient Greeks, Roman conquerors, Vikings, Medieval pilgrims and Renaissance nobles as you tour Burgundy, the most hallowed ground in the wine world. Here Pinot Noir and Chardonnay are king and queen in all their manifestations, including humble village wines, stalwart Premier Crus and exalted Grand Crus.

As you travel with professional wine writer and Chief Wine Sherpa Ben Weinberg you are welcomed to iconic wineries whose artisans combine vinous passion with modern agronomy and technology to produce juice the Merovingians would envy. With Ben you have extraordinary, behind-the-scenes access to these top winemakers and their incomparable wines.

Your beautiful villas serve excellent cuisine and the area's restaurants are legendary. Meals are accompanied by top-notch wine and boast regional seasonal specialties such as coq au vin, beef bourguignon, escargots, eels stewed in wine sauce and gougères (cheese puffs). Sweets focus on spice bread and pears poached in wine, and regional cheeses include Charolais, Époisses, Saint-Florentin and Vézelay.

Each day you visit acclaimed wine estates selected by Ben for their distinctive expressions of local terroir and culture. Experience up-close-and-personal time with well-known winemakers and taste the results of their passion and effort. Between winery tours and tastings, prepare to be intrigued by local artisans. Join the locals in an evening stroll, sip coffee, and search out tasty snacks. Of course, there will always be time to delight in the ever-popular "do nothing" at your villa home in the evenings before dinner. Optional diversions include a cooking course, a shopping tour focused on artisanal products, and an afternoon at a luxurious spa.

Certified Sommelier and professional wine writer Ben Weinberg is the editor-in-chief of *Unfiltered, Unfined*, where he writes about his travels and adventures while exploring wines around the world. Ben's writing is also frequently featured in *Sommelier Journal*, *Wine Enthusiast*, *The World of Fine Wines*, and *The Tasting Panel Magazine*, where he is a Contributing Editor.

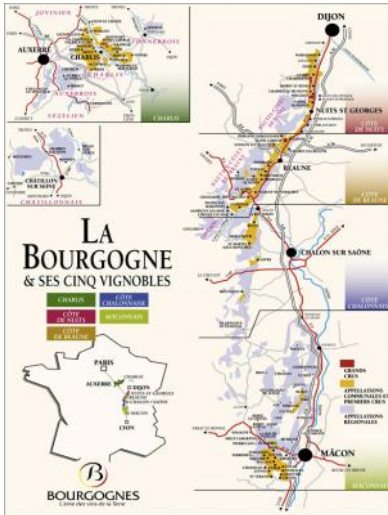
Ben created Wine On The Road to share his passion for wine and special access to winemakers and their estates with small groups of adventurous wine enthusiasts. Ben leads passionate wine lovers on tours of Tuscany and Piedmont in Italy, Champagne, Burgundy and the Rhone in France, Chile and Argentina in South America, Australia and New Zealand, the Napa Valley and many other destinations worldwide.

These luxurious tours combine award-winning wine, exquisite dining and superior lodging into one-of-a-kind experiences exposing the best of this region's flair and flavor.

Ben under the Chambolle-Musigny sign in Burgundy's fabled Cote de Nuits.



Burgundy Unfiltered Tour with Ben Weinberg (Preliminary Highlights)



Sunday, November 4, 2012

Our Wine on the Road van meets you at the Lyons airport or train station for the beautiful drive to your week's lodgings near Puligny. You will be greeted with a tasting of local specialties paired with Bourgogne Blanc made from local Chardonnay. After settling in and enjoying the view, enjoy your first dinner in Burgundy, the most revered wine region in the world.

The next week is dedicated to the Pinot Noirs and Chardonnays of Burgundy in all their splendor and complexity, revealing the mysteries of appellations, climats, lieu-dits, Premier Crus and Grand Crus.

Monday, November 5, 2012

Intensively explore Chablis' unique limestone-based terroir, composed entirely of fossilized shellfish. A tasting at Jean-Marc Brocard is followed by a lunch specifically crafted for the wines. In the afternoon take a stroll through the charming countryside, and after a late afternoon wine tasting at Domaine Christian Moreau et Fils enjoy dinner in the town of Chablis.

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

More than any other wine region, Burgundy is about barrels, so this morning we visit a tonnellerie (barrel maker) and explore the mysteries of head circles, roses, fire and water. After lunch our focus transfers back to the Cote D'Or, beginning with Olivier Leflaive in Puligny-Montrachet. The day ends at Leflaive's renowned restaurant, La Maison, where famed local Bresse chicken is always on the menu.

Wednesday, November 7, 2012

Today features two of the most fascinating wineries in Burgundy, both in the storied town of Beaune at the center of the region. Domaine Bouchard's headquarters is the Chateau de Beaune, where bottles are stored in underground cellars sheltered from vibration and temperature variations. Joseph Drouhin, which produces mainly Premier and Grand Crus, is sited at the Moulin di Vaudon, an 18th-century water mill. The day also features a walk around the old city and walls, a visit to the market for curios including Beaune's own mustard, Fallot, and a *pique-nique* in the Parc de la Bausaize.



Chateau de Beaune



A Sample Bedroom

Thursday, November 8, 2012

Today we head to the hills of Savigny-les-Beaunes to visit Blair Pethel, an American with a true passion for terroir, at Domaine Dublere. After lunch at a traditional local bistro there will be a tour and tasting at Bonneau du Martray, which produces only two Grand Crus and has been awarded a rare 4 stars from Hugh Johnson. An optional stop awaits at the 14th-century Chateau de Savigny-les-Beaune, site of a museum for antique cars, motorcycles, airplanes and wine production equipment.

Friday, November 9, 2012

Two Cote de Nuits producers welcome us today: Camille Giroud, a traditional negociant, and the fabled Domaine de la Romanee-Conti, considered to be the yardstick by which to judge all other Burgundies. Lunch includes a stroll around the jewel town of Nuits-Saint-Georges, home of *crème de cassis*.

Saturday, November 10, 2012

In the morning we have a tour and tasting at Domaine Leroy, where they marry modern agronomy with ancient respect for the soil to consistently achieves top ratings from wine critics. That afternoon features the Comte de Vogue, now headed by its 20th generation, with an optional visit to the 11th-century Abbatte Citeaux to taste and purchase its unique cheese. We then return to our lodgings for a gala, last night dinner.

Sunday, November 11, 2012

Our Wine on the Road van transports you back to Lyons and we wish you *au revoir* . . . until we see you again!



Ben and Erwan Faiveley
at Domaine Faiveley



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PRICING

Price includes pickup at and return to the Lyons airport or train station on day of arrival and departure, all transportation for excursions for the tour, accommodations, all meals and wine, and wine tastings. Exclusive of airfare and any personal expenditures or choices. Pricing is valid through April 14, 2012.

9-12 persons: €5,295
(12 maximum)

5-8 persons: €6,495

4 persons: €7,995
(4 minimum)

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Single Supplement (€1000 if applicable):	_____	_____
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Date

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