



# Gran Reserva

10th Anniversary Tour

Feb 19 - Feb 23, 2020



## Overview

We are delighted to be celebrating the 10th birthday of Iberian Wine Tours in February. It's a great excuse for a 4 day birthday party (sorry tour) which will take place in Barcelona and Priorat from 19th to 23rd February 2020. This replicates the route of our first ever tour in 2010. We have many special events planned for the tour, culminating in a rare wine dinner on the 22nd at Monvinic with Steven Spurrier and James Lawther (amongst others) as special guests.

## Trip Highlights

- Dinner at one of Barcelona's best wine bars featuring fine and rare wines with guest wine guru Steven Spurrier and James Lawther MW
- Wine presentation by the Priorat Singlars, a group of top producers from the region
- Private wine pairing dinner in Gracia
- Calçotada - a unique Catalan experience featuring the outdoor grilling of large spring onions over an open fire in Priorat
- Vermouth tasting in Reus
- Visit at top Priorat winery
- Top class Cava tasting
- Special Michelin star 10th anniversary lunch

## Trip Itinerary

### Day 1 Wednesday February 19th

After checking into the H10 Urquinaona Hotel in Barcelona in the afternoon, we meet at 7pm for a short drive (or 20 minute walk for those who prefer) to dinner at Chris Grenness's wonderful Wine Secrets private wine bar in the Gracia neighbourhood. We enjoy a special tasting menu paired with wines from innovative winemakers across some of favourite wine regions in Spain as a lively kick off to the celebrations.

### Day 2 Thursday February 20th

After a leisurely breakfast, we head south to the modernist town of Reus, where we have a brief visit to perhaps the most historic vermouth producer in Spain at Vermuteria Rofes and we follow the visit with a tasting and a tapa or two to set us on the road to the seaside at Cambrils.

Lunch is at one of our very favourite restaurants, Michelin starred El Rincon de Diego where Diego and his wife Montse have planned a special 10th anniversary menu and reception for us. Expect a warm welcome with some wonderful seafood, many innovative dishes and of course some wine pairings from favourite producers. After rolling out for a stroll by the Mediterranean, we make the short drive inland to Priorat and Marta Domenech's lovely Hostal Sport Hotel in the heart of Falset. Dinner features traditional Priorat dishes at the hotel, before a nightcap by the fire.

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### Day 3 Friday February 21st.

After breakfast we make the short but very scenic drive to Gratallops, Priorat's most famous wine village. We start with a special private tour of the winery making one of Spain's greatest wines Clos de l'Obac with owner Carles Pastrana, ending with a tasting of some of their rarer wines.

We then stroll down the hill to the lovely Clos Figueras where it's time for a wine country lunch, featuring the famed local calçots and of course some local lamb (or maybe wild boar) to help us get through a splendid selection of wines from the Priorat singulars, a group of 4 wineries from 4 different villages in Priorat. Each will show the individuality of the wines from their village, in addition to our host Christopher Cannan's Clos Figueras, we expect to have Vall Lach from Porrera, Mas d'en Gil from Bellmunt and Mas Doix from Poboleda, all making very prized Priorat wines. Eventually, we make our way back to Falset where the evening is free.

### Day 4 Saturday February 22nd

We make our way back towards the Catalan capital, stopping at our favourite cava producer Llopart where they've been enjoying stunning views of Montserrat since they started making wine in 1385. There's time for some tapas and of course some of the more unusual cavas before heading for the grand finale.

After checking back into the H10, we enjoy an evening stroll to Monvinic where we enjoy a extra



special dinner. Monvinic is one of the world's great wine bars and we will have a Catalan menu to accompany as many stellar wines during dinner as we can manage. We hope to feature Steven Spurrier's own Bride Valley sparkling wine for him to present to the group and plan to have rare and historic wines from across the Iberian peninsula. Above all, we want to share the celebration with the most loyal and fun friends of Iberian Wine Tours.

### Day 5 Sunday February 23rd.

Slow breakfast to conclude the tour.

**\$3250 per person double occupancy**

**\$300 single supplement**

**\$500 deposit per person**

### Included

- 2 nights Hotel Hostal Sport, Falset
- 2 nights H10 Urquinaona, Barcelona
- Private transport by luxury coach
- English speaking guides
- Breakfast daily; 3 lunches/ 3 dinners
- Activities as specified

### Not included

Airfare and flights; meals not mentioned above; travel insurance, gratuities for guides

