

Friday 17th - Monday 20th February 2017

Louis-Pascal and Paul-Henri Bouchard are once again inviting a small group of Partners on a very special weekend at *Domaine des Grands Devers*, hunting the elusive black truffle! As well as learning how to find them and how to cook with them, the weekend includes a visit to the largest truffle market in Provence and a tasting of the Bouchard's wines over a fabulous truffle themed dinner at the domaine. We also visit Christine and Eric Saurel at *Montirius* – our fascinating biodynamic vineyard that produces our exclusive Gigondas and Vacqueyras wines. We then dine with them at the fabulous *Château de Rochegude*.

Our Côtes du Rhône vineyard is situated high in the hills in the northern extremes of the Côtes du Rhône, surrounded by vines, pine trees and truffle oaks. Nowhere boasts a more interesting range of grape varieties than the southern Rhône. The flagship appellation is, of course, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, yet some of the best value wine is sold under the Côtes du Rhône-Villages label and the Bouchard brothers - from the eponymous, historic and famous *Bouchard Merchants* in Burgundy – make some of the best!

Friday 17

From 16:00 – Arrive at the *Hotel les Méjeannes* in Valaurie
 19:00 – Introductions and aperitif
 19:30 – Dinner with our hosts Louis-Pascal & Paul-Henri Bouchard from *Domaine des Grands Devers* and their Côte du Rhône wines

Saturday 18

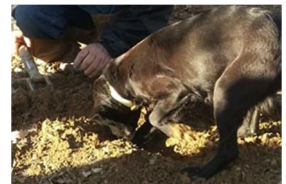
Breakfast from 8.30
 09:45 – Rendezvous with Louis-Pascal at the hotel for a briefing about truffles and the world-famous truffle market in Richerenches
 10:30 – Depart hotel for the truffle market
 13:00 – Arrive at *Domaine des Grands Devers* for lunch at the domaine
 14:30 – Join the hunt for truffles (20 minute walk to site, approx. 800m walk)
 16:30 – Return to domaine for 'warm-up' hot drink
 17:30 – Leave the domaine for the hotel, change for dinner
 19:30 – Depart hotel by coach for return to domaine
 20:00 – *Le Dîner de Prestige aux Truffes Noires* prepared by Louis-Pascal at *Domaine des Grands Devers*

Sunday 19

Breakfast from 8.30
 09:30 – Depart hotel for tour and tasting at *Montirius* in Vacqueyras
 13:00 – Lunch at one of their favourite restaurants with Eric and Christine Saurel and their wines
 16:00 – Return to hotel
 19:30 – Light supper at the hotel

Monday 20

Depart after breakfast



The price of £585 per person includes: 3 nights' accommodation, sharing a double en-suite room at *Les Méjeannes* dinner (with wine) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings; lunch (with wine) on Saturday and Sunday; and coach transport on Saturday and Sunday.

For anyone wishing to fly to the event, Easyjet fly from Gatwick, Stansted & Luton to Nice. Hiring a car and driving to Valaurie takes about 3½ hours. They also fly to Marseille from Gatwick which is approx 2hrs drive.