



Decanter®
Wine Experiences

DISCOVER ENGLISH WINE

WITH OZ CLARKE AND AMY WISLOCKI

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Introduction

Join us on a Decanter Wine Experience that will introduce you to the exciting world of English wine and many contemporary wine producers in the region. On this exclusive tour, led by passionate wine expert Amy Wislocki from Decanter magazine, you will explore the exciting English wine scene and discover the processes behind the creation of world-class vintages.

From vineyard visits to tastings in Kent and Sussex, you'll gain an intimate understanding of the crafting and character of English wine, all the while surrounded by the beauty of the English countryside. Throughout the tour you will experience ten different vineyards and their approaches to wine, you will meet the English Winemaker of the Year and take part in a Chapel Down Masterclass.

Internationally renowned wine expert and author Oz Clarke OBE will make a guest appearance on the first day. Oz, author of the 2022 book *English Wine*, is well-versed on the emerging wine scene, and will share his knowledge and expertise first hand during his exclusive talk.



“Sussex and Kent are among the most exciting wine regions in the world right now, and this trip is an unrivalled opportunity to get to know some of its brightest stars.”
Amy Wislocki



Meet Your Hosts

Oz Clarke OBE

Oz is one of Britain's most recognised wine experts and personalities, working on screen and in print. He is the published author of multiple successful books, including two on English wine. Oz will be joining for the first day of our English wine tour and will host a special welcome gala of brilliant English cuvées.

“There aren't many more exciting wine regions in the world than England right now. England is the newest “New World” wine country, with vineyards surging and quality exploding year by year.”

Oz Clarke



Amy Wislocki

Amy has worked as Decanter's Magazine Editor since joining the title 23 years ago, “a dream job,” in her words. She holds a Level 3 qualification from the Wine & Spirit Education Trust, and is passionate about English wine. Amy has curated some of Decanter's great travel guides for wine enthusiasts looking to explore regions including Kent – the Wine Garden of England.

Trip Highlights

- Traditional afternoon tea with English Sparkling wine
- Private guided visits to ten wineries in Kent and Sussex showcasing the best of the English wine market
- Chapel Down Masterclass tour and tasting, including multiple award-winning cuvées and three course dinner at The Swan restaurant
- Specialised lecture with acclaimed UK wine expert, bestselling author, and decorated television personality Oz Clarke

Itinerary

Day 1

Arrival and Tasting Experience with Oz Clarke

We will meet at the Decanter offices in central London for coffee before transferring to Kent. The trip will start with a private tour and tasting experience at Gusbourne Estate, an award-winning English sparkling wine producer. Here, we will enjoy a light lunch before moving onto Simpsons Wine Estate for a tour and tasting experience from husband-and-wife team Charles and Ruth Simpson, who have also been making wine in the Languedoc for 20 years.

After checking into Chilston Park Hotel, we will head to Chapel Down Winery for flights of award-winning Kit's Coty during an extended tutored wine tasting. We will sit down to a three-course welcome dinner at The Swan restaurant inside Chapel Down, where Oz Clarke will host an introduction to English wine, explaining just why it's such an exciting time to be visiting these estates.

Included Meals: Lunch, Dinner



Day 2

Kentish Sparkling Wines

After breakfast we will head to Balfour Wine Estate for a private tour and tasting in the beautiful Hush Heath orchards. Our second stop will be at Oxney Organic Estates, the largest single-estate producer of English organic wine based in East Sussex. Here we will enjoy wine accompanied by a light charcuterie picnic featuring local produce. Oastbrook Estate is our

last stop of the day, a new and dynamic boutique winery on the Sussex/Kent border in the Rother Valley. This vineyard is already making waves with its still wines in particular. The afternoon will be spent enjoying a traditional afternoon tea complete with English sparkling wine before an evening at leisure.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Light Refreshments

Itinerary

Day 3 Vineyard Visits in Kent and Sussex

Our final day will begin with a tasting at Ridgeview Wine Estate, a long-established winery on the South Downs Ridge, and a pioneer in the English wine scene. In the afternoon we will head to Bee Tree Vineyard, a boutique English sparkling wine producer where we will meet with Dermot Sugrue, the back-to-back winner of the Boutique Producer of the Year award. After working at Wiston Estate for many years, and consulting for other English wine

producers, Dermot has struck out on his own and is crafting some truly exceptional wines from his new winery.

Our final stop will be Artelium, an exciting, up-and-coming producer, which swept the board at the 2022 WineGB Awards. The trip will conclude with an exclusive, three-course dinner at an iconic British winery, complete with a flight of their prestigious wines, hand-selected by Amy.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 4 Departure

After breakfast we will depart the hotel for London Heathrow for individual flights home.

Included Meals: Breakfast

Hotel



Chilston Park Hotel

The Chilston Park Hotel is an award winning 4-star estate nestled in southeast England. Located in rural Kent, the Chilston Park Hotel has welcomed notable politicians, authors, and gentry since the 17th century. The historic property showcases lovely

gardens and a lake, with rooms that feature charming period pieces while incorporating modern amenities. The Marble Lounge is at your disposal for an indoor repose or stroll the grounds to take in the views of the surrounding countryside.

Pricing:

■ **Price: \$5,690**
(single supplement \$650).

■ **Deposit: \$500**



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