

Traveller testimonials for James Busby Travel 2010/11

2011

The experience and the trip has still not sunk in yet

Thank you very much for the opportunity, it's been a one lifetime experience, Trip wise the selection of wines, winemakers and the itinerary was just perfect and well executed. I have great faith and belief in Oz wines and would like to be part of the Australian wine success story.

The trip is only a beginning....

Warm regards,

Senthil Kulanhaisamy, Head Sommelier, OXO Tower, London

"This trip has inspired me to be an ambassador for Australian wine in the US, to change my clients minds and perceptions" Chris Bagetta, Eleven Madison Park, New York (3 Michelin ***)

"The only way to see the real Australia, don't even think about missing this. An absolute revelation" Alistair Cooper, La Cava Wines, Oxfordshire, UK

"Mind changing, such an incredible journey and a real education. There's simply no better way to get your finger on the pulse of the Oz wine industry from top to bottom, inside and out" Colm Douglas, Corkscrew Wines, Dublin

'A unique and unrepeatable experience because the visits are the results of longstanding friendships and personal relationships. Almost anyone can E-mail a winery and arrange a tasting; to be invited into people's homes, taste deep verticals of their rarest wines and spend real time with the winemakers, skipping the generic tour, is the only way to really get under the skin of Australia and its extraordinary wine culture. Awesome.'

Matthew Hemming, Averys, UK

"Great exposure to the best people and top wines - felt VIP!" Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com

"Everyday comes with either a tasting or theory breakthrough...and often both" Jerusha Frost, The Lion, New York

The whole trip was a whirlwind of fantastic vineyards, amazing wines and truly generous winemakers who allowed us into their homes to share their stories. They never once wavered as we asked what sometimes appeared to be a never ending stream of questions and passed on their wealth of knowledge with enthusiasm and passion. I feel extremely privileged to have been a part of a life changing experience.

This is THE only way to get to the heart of what makes this country produce such sublime, intriguing, thought provoking wines.

A heartfelt thanks again for sharing with us. You can be sure that I will be doing my utmost to pass on the message of the incredible depth and variety that Australian wines have to offer.

Kind Regards, Jacqui Oram, Guy Anderson Wines, UK

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A trip full of discovery of the real Australia. The best way to understand why the terroir driven wines of Australia offer serious competition at the high end of the market

Gustavo Lo Bianco, Buyer, Berkmann

I will go back to the UK with a new conception of the contemporary Australian wine scene

Romain Auderie, Head Sommelier, Bistro du Vin

The last two weeks have been a revelation. I've had to completely reappraise my view of wine in Australia.

Donald Edwards, New Generation Wines

I have been blown away by the diversity to such an extent that I want to apply for a Wine Australia job in the UK!

Mike Harrison, Hotel du Vin