

Frascati Wine Tour

Italy



In the hills beyond Rome

After the heat and crowds in Rome, we bet that an historic hill-town where the breeze blows your hair and there's hardly a tourist in sight, sounds like a distant part of Italy. Imagine a wine, fruity on the nose and crisp on the palate, add melt in your mouth pasta and a 30 minute train ride - and you've got yourself a Wine Tour in Frascati.

New Spin on old wine Dominique, a pleasant expat American with an easy manner, recently married into the Minardi family who's Frascati wine roots reach back to the 16th century - together they have crafted a wine, and a tour, that's unique in the town; making a day trip to Castelli Romani, a region known for it's young fresh jug wine, feel like a breath of fresh air.

Drinking in history Start with a relaxing amble through town - admiring the villa, visiting church and touching on local history; before making short stops at the bakery, collecting a slice of porchetta and bobbing into a fraschette to sample no-nonsense white wine, straight from a plastic bottle... before heading over to the farm house.

Laid back and likable Tracking the edge of the small vineyard, Father-in-law Umberto leads the group into the cool cellar. Entertaining and charming, he weaves explanations of the winemaking process with family tales.

Terrace with a view By an old wisteria - soak up information, from the wine label design to DOC qualifications, and how best to serve the wine - not forgetting the alcoholic content, benefits of volcanic minerals and, how the latest crop of red Frascati is wowing critics at prestigious Expos... drink it all in while sampling both red and white, along with estate olive oil.

Homemade Pasta Round off the tour with lunch at a local Trattoria - where, for that all Italian experience, a resident Grandma makes the pasta and two notoriously sulky teenagers wait on

Our Thoughts This is an easy going outing to a small family enterprise - a no fuss trip to the countryside - suitable for wine lovers and those seeking a change of pace. Whatever your reason, this start-up wine tour is worth heading out of Rome for. Book your trip at [www theoldminardifarmhouse.com](http://www.theoldminardifarmhouse.com)

