

Wine Tour '17 – We're Heading South!



Our annual AROSC Wine Tour will be charting new territory in April as we head to a region we have not visited in some years: the Warner Springs-Mt. Palomar- Julian area.

This trip will commence early on Saturday, April 22nd from Oceanside, at the parking lot of the Worldmark Resort, where I will be waiting for all of you in the little red Audi.

We have four unique establishments on the itinerary, the charming Apple Tree Inn outside Julian proper as the overnight stop, dinner conveniently located within walking distance, and some additional fun planned for Sunday morning. The wineries produce mostly reds (Cabernet Franc, Tempranillo, Bordeaux, Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, Syrah) then also some herby, fruity whites (Sauvignon Blanc, White Riesling, Chardonnay).

Our drive will take us inland along Hwy. 76, and some wonderful driving roads, to Hwy. 79, then 78 to visit these wineries:

– Emerald Creek, a modern facility, is the brainchild of four doctors, built on large acreage and rather lovely. We will have a hosted tour and discussion – you should



John scouts several wineries for the 2017 Tour, including La Serenissima, above.

all enjoy the experience.

– La Serenissima, a Tuscan-style establishment about 8 miles away, where we will be welcomed for our traditional picnic. Created by Tony Tiso, an Italian from Venice and a major Petrolhead, having owned six Alfa Romeos, we will get a special tour here.

– Sierra Roble, a boutique vineyard on the north slope of Palomar Mountain where proprietor David Lowe, a wonderful gentleman, is excited about our cars and the Club event.

– Menghini, our last stop, where our hosts Michael and Toni Menghini, of Italian parentage are also Petrolheads. He will rattle off his car collection whilst telling about wine and his fine establishment. Tony and Niko Santarelli (co-producers of your 2017 wine adventure) and I loved this place and the ambiance, and we all believed it was the greatest way to finish the winery side of the tour.



Niko, Tony and John, your 2017 Wine Tour organizers, complete the route by sampling dinner at Jeremy's on the Hill.

After settling in at the Apple Tree Inn, we can have a little party together, then it's on to dinner at 8PM, at Jeremy's on the Hill, where we will have our own Marquee Tent, which is heated and very comfortable.

On Sunday morning, may I suggest we proceed to Julian some 500 feet higher than our inn, have a stroll around and have breakfast before going on our way north, south east or west.

There are just 16 rooms at the Apple Tree Inn, so reserve now by calling 760.765.0222. If you miss out there, the Julian Lodge is available, with tons of parking. Call 760.765.1420.

Finally, please RSVP to me at johnbritton.AU@Gmail.com and/or call personal cell/house: 714.493.6054, or work cell: 714.981.9350.

– John Britton