## Two new spring wine tours 2017, to Champagne and to Bordeaux, with BKWine

Two new wine tours are on the schedule for the spring tour season with BKWine. The tours on the spring program focus on two great classic French wine regions, Champagne in April and Bordeaux in May. Full details can be found on BKWineTours.com.

**Champagne, famous houses and innovative growers**, takes the traveller around the wine cellars and vineyards of Champagne. Some of the big and world-famous houses are on the program with their impressive underground cellars dug out of the chalk rock. But the focus is on the new wave of independent champagne growers that are attracting increasing international attention from the experts. These are the small growers that produce the most individual and exciting champagnes today. Several luxurious meals with champagne served all through the meal will also be enjoyed. The tour takes place on April 19-23, 2017, and is priced at 1690 euros pp (approximately USD 1760).

**Bordeaux behind the scene** takes the traveller to classic chateaux but also to the not so well-known family owned properties that are driving the new development in this world-famous wine region. The traveller will experience nine different chateaux, with their vineyards and wine cellars, over three days. At private tastings at the estates many wines of different vintages will be tasted. Luxurious lunches will be served as private guests of the wineries. The traveller will also have ample opportunities to explore the beautiful UNESCO-listed city centre of Bordeaux. The tour takes place on May 3-7, 2017 and is priced at 1590 euro pp (approximately USD 1660).

The full tour programs can be found here: <u>http://www.bkwinetours.com/</u>

Both tours are organised by Britt Karlsson, a veteran wine tour organiser and internationally recognised wine writer. She is just putting the finishing touches on a ground breaking new book on growers' Champagne and published a book on Bordeaux earlier this year that was awarded first prize in the Gastronomic Academy Book Awards.

Britt Karlsson comments: "Springtime is a wonderful time to travel in the wine regions. The days are long, the weather is often excellent, and the winemakers have plenty of time to talk about their work. I feel confident that these are unique tours with very special visits; each year I personally visit more than 200 vineyards. Few, if any other tour operator has an equivalent contact network. It is very important for me that the visits are very personal and of top quality."

The winter tour program includes a tour to Chile & Argentina and one to South Africa; however they are currently fully booked.

**BKWine** is a leading wine tour organiser specialised in top-quality, personal style wine and gourmet travel. The BKWine wine tours have been named "World's Top Wine Tours" by Travel+Leisure Magazine. BKWine arranges some 30 wine tours each year, including those on the scheduled program as well as custom made tours. BKWine is run by Britt and Per Karlsson, two Swedes living in Paris (France) since many years, who, in addition to running the wine tour business, are award winning wine book authors, wine journalists and photographers.

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BKWine AB is run by Britt and Per Karlsson, of Swedish origin. There are four main activities:

- Wine & food tours
- Wine journalism
- Wine photography, wine stock image library: <u>http://www.bkwinephotography.com</u>
- Wine consulting

BKWine is active in several wine related fields. The main business is organising wine tours for wine enthusiasts and wine professionals who want to visit wine regions to learn more about wine. Each year BKWine organises some 30 wine tours. The wine tours have been named *World's Top Wine Tours* by Travel + Leisure and mentioned in numerous publications world-wide: Frommer's, USA Today, Gourmet Traveller, Huffington Post, Luxury Travel Magazine, Sommelier India, The Australian Wine Companion, and many more. BKWine has published several wine books that have won national and international awards. BKWine also publishes an online newsletter on wine, The BKWine Brief, which reaches some 20,000 subscribers. Britt and Per are members of the British Circle of Wine Writers (CWW), the International Wine Writers Federation (FIJEV), the French Wine Press Association (APV), the International Wine and Food Society (IWFS) and several other wine and gastronomic organisations.