

Award-Winning Virginia Wineries to Host Mediterranean Wine Cruises in 2009 with Cruise Holidays of Alexandria
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Three award-winning Virginia wineries announced plans to lead upscale Mediterranean wine-themed cruises in 2009. The wineries are Pearmund Cellars, Winery at LaGrange, and DelFosse Vineyards and Winery. The cruises are being offered by Cruise Holidays of Alexandria, Virginia -- part of the oldest and largest cruise-specialty retail franchise in North America.

Pearmund Cellars and its sister winery, Winery at LaGrange, will host a 10-night Rome to Barcelona cruise aboard Oceania Cruises, June 17-27, 2009. The Pearmund Cellars/Winery at LaGrange (http://www.luxurycruisecounselors.com/6909553_70482.htm) cruise will feature multiple wine-themed events both onboard and shore side. Events planned include: two complimentary onboard wine tastings, wine-themed lectures, private shore excursions, and wine-and-food pairing dinner. Guests will also enjoy free a complimentary cocktail reception and a \$150 spa amenity credit, per stateroom, to be used onboard. The cruise will be led by Virginia wine expert Chris Pearmund.

"We knew a Mediterranean cruise would prove popular with our customers, but the rapid rate at which the cruise has sold has been a very pleasant surprise," commented Pearmund. "Anyone who joins us is virtually assured a vacation of a lifetime -- from the onboard activities to the optional exclusive culinary and wine-themed shore side excursions we will be offering to our guests." Guests who are interested in learning more should plan to attend an informational event at Winery at LaGrange in Haymarket, Virginia at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2008. Please RSVP by calling 703-706-0011.

Claude DelFosse, wine expert and founder of the award-winning DelFosse Vineyards and Winery will also lead a Mediterranean wine-themed cruise (http://www.luxurycruisecounselors.com/7137976_70482.htm). DelFosse and his wife, Genevieve, will share their passion for wine with their guests aboard Crystal Cruises from June 14-21, 2009. Guests will enjoy onboard wine tastings, lectures, and private excursions to European wineries. "My wife and I are especially excited to escort our guests on this spectacular wine-themed cruise that includes a stop in our native France," remarked DelFosse.

Both cruises are being offered through Cruise Holidays of Alexandria, Virginia. Additional details for these extraordinary cruises include (all fares listed are per person, double occupancy):

-- Pearmund Cellars/Winery at LaGrange Cruise: 10-nights aboard Ocean Cruises from June 17-27, 2009. Unobstructed ocean view staterooms, including roundtrip airfare from select gateway cities nationwide, starting from \$3,299. Rates will increase \$100 per person beginning August 1, 2008. Ports-of-call include: Sorrento, Amalfi, Sardinia, Livorno, Portofino, Monte Carlo, Saint-Tropez, Provence, and Palma De Mallorca.

-- DelFosse Cruise: 7-nights aboard Crystal Cruises from June 21-28, 2009, starting from \$3,535. The itinerary begins in Rome, and features full-day ports of call in Porto Venere, Livorno, Monte Carlo, and St. Tropez, and an overnight stay in Barcelona, Spain. Additionally, guests will enjoy prepaid gratuities and a complimentary cocktail reception.

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