

Autumn Offers – Le Casacce, Tuscany

La Vendemmia (The grape Harvest) September / October 2009

A frenzy of activity surrounds the grape harvest in the myriad vineyards on the hills surrounding Le Casacce. A critical time for the winemakers, this is a beautiful and exciting time for the visitor, when you can live the emotions and colours of the harvest.

The grape harvest in Italy is in late September and early October. Vines are the oldest cultivated crop on the Italian peninsula, dating back millennia; thus the harvest takes on an almost ritualistic and sacred meaning for the generations of Italians who participate, binding the wine producers with locals and visiting aficionados alike.

There is no set date on which the harvest begins as the timing varies according to the intuition of the wine makers. They give the order when they consider the balance of sugar and acidity in the grapes has reached its optimum point. Then all of a sudden the Tuscan vineyards come alive and are crawling with grape-pickers. You can even join in yourself.

Le Casacce is in the heart of the Montecucco wine region and some of the best wines of Italy are made in close-by regions including Montalcino (the world famous Brunello), Montepulciano and Morellino.

Accommodation at Le Casacce – Sat 19th September to Sat 17th October

Discount of 20% on all Standard Prices.

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