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## **Grape Escapes brings Sabrage to The Wine Show 12 – 14 November, 2010**

Firm up the wrist, raise the elbow up high and swing! This year visitors to The Wine Show will be able to learn the Art of Sabrage - opening a bottle of Champagne with a sword - with specialist wine-tour operator Grape Escapes.

Held at London Olympia from 12-14 November, swashbuckling wine-lovers will get the chance to try Napoleon's favourite way of opening a champagne bottle. And in the process, they will be inducted into the Confrérie du Sabre d'Or – the society of Sabreurs, which keeps the ancient art alive today.

This special event, brought exclusively to The Wine Show by Grape Escapes, will cost just £20 per person and involves expert tuition by a Commandeur of Sabrage - and the opportunity to drink the contents of the opened bottle!

Grape Escapes is a specialist in travel to the French wine regions offering a selection of gourmet wine-tasting weekends in Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux, the Loire and the Rhone. Offering both tailor-made and group tours, Grape Escapes caters for food and wine lovers from the serious connoisseur to the enthusiastic beginner.

Ticket prices for The Wine Show start from £20.50 for an advance weekend ticket and are available from [www.wineshow.co.uk](http://www.wineshow.co.uk)

### **Learn Sabrage in Champagne!**

Taking place from 27 – 29 May 2011, this Grape Escapes Adventure Weekend costs £345 per person. Wine-lovers with a sense of adventure can abseil 100ft into the cellars of one of the prestigious region's Champagne houses before learning the Napoleonic art of Sabrage! The Adventure Weekend also includes full day coach tour with English speaking guide to three different Champagne houses with tastings, four course gourmet lunch at a top local restaurant with accompanying Champagnes and wines, return Dover to Calais ferry crossing for a car and two people, and two nights' accommodation in Reims.

For more information please visit [www.grapeescapes.net](http://www.grapeescapes.net) or call 08456 430 860.

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