



Trade Visit 2025

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Introduction

Members who attended last year’s FM dinner will remember the fascinating speech from our guest speaker Alex Valsecchi Estate Manager at The Albury Vineyard on the subject of Sustainable Viticulture in the UK,

I am delighted to be able to offer a group of Pattenmakers the opportunity to visit The Albury Vineyard this summer for a guided tour, tasting and talk with lunch to further savor the exceptional products of the Vineyard and learn more about the business from Alex and the Albury team.

The Vineyard is located near Guildford in Surrey and the visit will be on the 31st of July 2025.

You may wish to visit their website -www.alburyvineyard.com to get a fuller picture.





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We will assemble at the Vineyard at 11 am.

Alex Valsecchi will give the assembled group a 'grand tour' of the vineyard with its focus on sustainability.

On completion of the tour, we will assemble in the Tasting Room for the wine tasting and talk and this will be followed by lunch. There will be the opportunity to buy wine during your visit.

We anticipate the visit will be completed at around 2pm.

The cost per person for the tour, tasting and lunch is £35.00 per person.



There is an optional visit after lunch to the Silent Pool Gin Distillery that is located less than five minutes' walk away from the Vineyard. They run a Distillery tour that can be booked in advance for those interested.

Travel

Albury Vineyard is located at: -

Vineyard Silent Pool, Albury, Shere Rd, Albury, Guildford GU5 9BW

By Car

From Guildford, take the A25 to Dorking. Head over Newlands Corner and turn off the A25 signposted 'Silent Pool'. Follow the track that leads up along the right-hand side of the Silent Pool car park and you will find the vineyard at the top of the track. Parking is available outside the visitors' barn.

By Train

The nearest mainline is Guildford (around 40 minutes from London) which is about 10 minutes by taxi from the vineyard. A taxi rank is available at Guildford station, and Uber is also available. Gomshall and Clandon are both slightly closer but are small village stations and you will need to pre-book a taxi.



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By Taxi

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Please use the booking form to reserve your spaces as soon as possible. We are limited to 25 so book early to avoid disappointment.

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