



## **Tour Organizer Maxine Borcharding:**

Co-founder of Taste and Compare Academy of Wine, Spirits and Food; and Lead Chef  
Instructor at the Oregon Culinary Institute

*"The journey that led me into a serious study of wine was a teaching assignment. But like Julia Child who famously said, 'I was 32 when I started cooking; up until then, I just ate,' I was 60 when I really began to learn about wine — up until then, I just drank. In self-defense, I took a class; and a funny thing happened. I fell in love with wine, and with everything about wine. I had to learn more."*

Since that first class, Chef Borcharding has graduated from the International Sommelier Guild Sommelier Diploma Program, has become a French Wine Scholar through the French Wine Academy, a Spanish Wine Educator through the Wine Academy of Spain, a Wine Location Specialist with distinction from the Center for Wine Origins, and is currently completing her certification as a Master Instructor for the Rhone region through the French Wine Academy.

The Taste and Compare Academy is the licensed provider of the French Wine Scholar program in Oregon and Southwest Washington, provides a variety of wine, food and spirits classes to professionals and enthusiasts, and organizes food, wine and spirits tours to France.