

Comments from previous workshop participants

"Charles Needle's workshop is the best workshop that I have ever been to...so very inspiring. His attitude and creativity are absolutely wonderful, and he is a very gifted photographer and teacher."
- Pete S.

"I would recommend Mary Louise's class to anyone who wants to expand their horizons in photography from the realistic to the abstract and artistic" - Chip F.

"Love, love, love, her. Really amazing ability to teach! Mary Louise's passion comes through and is understandable. Her ability to translate skill, passion and knowledge – phenomenal!"
– Marji G.

"Mary Louise is great - she obviously understands photography and all of the equipment so thoroughly that she can explain technical details to novices" – Jan W.

"Few instructors share Charles' passion and knowledge. He is very helpful in the field with personalized attention to detail, and I learned so much from his workshop assignments and supportive image evaluations." - Katherine D.



Charles Needle is an award-winning, Seattle-based fine art nature photographer, author and workshop leader with a unique eye for design and artistic interpretation. He teaches over a dozen location workshops per year. Charles' photographs have been published in *Nature's Best* and *Outdoor Photographer* magazines and are in private and public collections nationwide and abroad. www.charlesneedlephoto.com



Mary Louise Ravese specializes in fine art nature and travel photography from locations across the world. Her photographs are in private, university & corporate collections in over 30 states and are exhibited nationally. She has published images in calendars, magazines, books and websites. Mary Louise is a regular speaker and competition judge for photography clubs. She also enjoys teaching on a wide range of topics related to nature, travel and creative photography. Now based in Virginia, Mary Louise leads classes and workshops at a variety of locations across the US and abroad. www.BellaVistaPhotography.com

**Fall Color in
California's Wine Country
photography workshop**
October 28 - November 3, 2012
with instructors
Charles Needle and Mary Louise Ravese



Autumn transforms California's wine country with the striking pattern of hillsides covered with vineyard rows resplendent in shades of gold and red. Join acclaimed photographers Charles Needle and Mary Louise Ravese in a weeklong workshop exploring the renowned Napa and Sonoma valleys during this Fall color display.



Excite your senses with an itinerary that will satisfy your visual and creative interests, your appetite for gourmet cuisine and your thirst for some of the best wines in the world.



Your instructors, Charles and Mary Louise, are both professional photographers and experienced instructors who offer lots of practical tips and guidance in the field and classroom. Our low 6:1 student to instructor ratio is ideal for maximizing your learning experience.



Unique shooting opportunities await you:

- ✓ Exclusive access to private vineyards/wineries
- ✓ Peak fall color when vines are golden & red
- ✓ Private "lifestyle" shoot with the stylist for a Food Network celebrity-chef
- ✓ Private hot-air balloon excursion for stunning aerial photography (optional)
- ✓ A wide variety of images are possible - from landscapes and close-ups to architecture, still life and creative images
- ✓ Expand your skills by learning how to create striking abstract, Impressionistic & HDR images

In addition to our time in the field photographing, throughout the week there will be lectures, assignments and supportive image feedback sessions, so you can improve your picture-making along the way.



Who should attend:
All skill levels are welcome. Participants must be familiar with basic camera operation, including the setting of aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Some experience with image editing software such as Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom or Photoshop Elements is advisable. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop running the latest version of their image editing software.



Getting There:
San Francisco (SFO), Oakland (OAK) and Sacramento (SMF) airports are all approx. 1 hour drive from Napa.

Please do not book your non-refundable airfare until after July 30, 2012.

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