

# Entertaining Ideas

## Napoleon: The Legend And The Facts

(NAPSA)—With the A&E Network premier of *Napoleon*, an original miniseries event starring John Malkovich, Isabella Rossellini and Gerard Depardieu, and a national online sweepstakes, here are a few interesting facts about Napoleon that may help you build your own empire:

1) Napoleon Bonaparte was born in 1769 on the island of Corsica into Corsican-Italian gentry, but also was a French citizen as the island had been purchased by the French in 1768.

2) No Bonaparte had ever been a professional soldier until Napoleon, who graduated from the Ecole Militaire in Paris in 1785.

3) In 1799, Napoleon left a promising career in the French Army to lead a “coup d’etat” that resulted in the creation of The Consulate. By 1802, the French Constitution was revised to make Napoleon “consul for life” and, in 1804, he was crowned Emperor.

4) The “Napoleonic Code” that standardized French law and guaranteed the rights and liberties of individuals won during the French Revolution is still the basis for the state laws of Louisiana, as well as France and much of Europe.

5) The given name of Josephine, Napoleon’s wife, was Rose.

6) In addition to acquiring a far-reaching empire for France in the early 1800s, Napoleon made many strides for French culture, including making The Louvre into a world-class museum (from a former royal palace) and ordering the building of the Arc de Triomphe.

7) After his defeat by the British at the Battle of Waterloo, in Belgium in 1815, he was exiled to the island of Saint Helena,

A promotional graphic for the A&E miniseries *Napoleon*. At the top, it says "WATCH THE A&E ORIGINAL MOVIE". The title "Napoleon" is written in a large, ornate, cursive font. Below the title, it says "Beginning Tuesday, April 8 at 9pm/8c on A&E". In the center, there are two bottles of Mouton Cadet wine. To the right is a silhouette of a woman in a long dress and hat. At the bottom, it says "MOUTON CADET" and "Baron Philippe de Rothschild". A small text box at the bottom right says "Enter the 'AGE Legends of France' Sweepstakes at AETV.com and you could WIN an AGE TRIP to legendary Bordeaux, France to see the vineyards of Baron Philippe de Rothschild." There is also a small A&E logo in the bottom right corner.

The mini-series, *Napoleon* and a national sweepstakes that awards a trip to Bordeaux, France to the winner, will please many Napoleon fans and wine lovers.

where he died in 1821. In 1840, King Louis-Philippe returned his remains to Paris, where they now rest at the Invalides.

8) Napoleon’s nephew, Napoleon III, commissioned the Bordeaux Wine Classification of 1855, which created the current system of rating wine from the region according to “growths.” Today, there are only five wines awarded the prized “First Growth” designation, including Chateau Mouton Rothschild.

The legendary French wine, Mouton Cadet, is partnering with A&E to celebrate *Napoleon* by providing the grand prize trip for A&E’s “Legends of France” national sweepstakes. One grand prize winner and guest will be awarded a VIP trip to Bordeaux, France to visit the vineyards of Baron Philippe de Rothschild and the Musee de Napoleon, just outside of the city of Bordeaux.

To enter the A&E “Legends of France” Sweepstakes, which runs from March 1 through April 15, go online to AETV.com or go to [www.caravellewin.com](http://www.caravellewin.com) for more information.