



Welcome reception at Manoir de Lavauguyot-Ampelidae
www.ampelidae.com
September 27, evening

As welcoming reception, the visit of Ampelidae caves and vineyard is proposed at The **Manoir de Lavauguyot**, the heart of Ampelidae, built in the XIV Century on the route of the Pilgrims Way to Saint-Jacques de Compostelle, nearby ENSMA at the threshold between Aquitaine and Parisian geological basins.



Ampelidae's philosophy on being organic:
Ecology and technology :

Ampelidae manager Frédéric Brochet's attack of conscience over the question of conventional farming methods in viticulture coincided with the birth of his children and his realisation of a duty to pass things down for the future. But he had always had a passion for ecology ever since the day when he first bought a book about winemaking (Nature et progrès)... and bottled organic wine with his schoolfriend Matthew (that was in 1988 !) At Ampelidae, being organic is fundamental to the ecology of protecting the earth and the species in it. And if being organic can sometimes seem to be a dream of « going back to nature » and avoiding technological intervention, Frédéric Brochet, on the contrary embraces an organic approach compatible with science and contemporary technology.

It is science and a true knowledge of plant biology that is going to allow us to cultivate vines without the use of chemicals. It is technology in the chai that is going to allow us to preserve and fully express the potential and character of grape varieties and soils. Innovation is considered by Frédéric Brochet as fundamental to organic farming in the contemporary context.

The move towards converting to organic began in 2000. Ecocert certification in Organic Agriculture was given in 2004, and the whole of the vines that are farmed by Ampelidae became organic in 2007. Today Ampelidae accounts for 100% of the organic vines in the Vienne outside Saumur, 80% of organic Pinot-Noir and 75% of organic Sauvignon in the Loire.

After a commented visit of the Ampelidae vineyard and cellars, we will share a tasting of different selected wines along with an outdoor Poitou local products buffet in the Manoir and the vineyard.

A service of bus from and back to ENSMA will be provided (departure 6:00 p.m.- return 9:30 p.m.).

Location : to reach the place by yourself, take the D910 (N10) to Beaumont, then at the lights take the D82 heading to Marigny-Brizay for about 3,2 Km (1,99 Miles). As you are driving down, the domaine is pointed by a sign on the right.

GPS Coordinates :

- Latitude : 46° 45' 061
- Longitude : 0° 24' 303





Wednesday 29 : Evening at Poitiers city center.

Discover Poitiers with a guided tour and enjoy the gala dinner at Restaurant « 16 Carnot » in downtown Poitiers.

Poitiers guided tour :

Departure from ISAE – ENSMA at 5:30 p.m. by bus.
Meeting point at 6:15 p.m. in front of church Notre-Dame-la-Grande.

The guided tour will be conducted by a licensed tour guide. The tour offers a look at the **heritage** of the city through the **history of monuments**, neighborhoods, great characters.

Romanesque capital, university town, **Poitiers** can claim the heritage of 2000 years of history, recorded and woven into its present landscape. Bathed by the rivers **Clain** and **Boivre**, the promontory of **Poitiers** welcomes its visitors in a historic central character, embellished by the presence of an exceptional group of monuments that evoke a rich medieval past, including the tenth to the twelfth century where Poitiers is the capital of the largest principality of the kingdom of France. **Poitiers** is the perfect blend of **heritage** prestigious ancient and **contemporary buildings** remarkable. Discover the picturesque streets of the city, **half-timbered houses** and everything that is special and charming character of this city.

Gala dinner :

It will be the arrival destination of the guided tour.
Meeting point at 8:00 p.m. at the restaurant « 16 Carnot ».



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« 16 Carnot » is a brasserie in true Parisian style with classic but revisited cuisine made from fresh products. Its interior decoration is of timeless elegance, simple and relaxing.

After the dinner, if you want, many typical bars will welcome you in downtown Poitiers....
Then return to your hotel on your own (on foot, by bus <http://www.vitalis-poitiers.fr/>, or in taxi (tel.: 05-49-88-12-34)).