



Loire valley wine tours, tastings and courses led by English wine professionals Cathy Mawer & Nigel Henton at **le tasting room**

le tasting room, Cumeray

Interested in wine?

Come and spend a day with us in the Loire countryside. We have 25 years wine trade experience between us, speak good French and work closely with a large number of top quality producers in the region.

If you're like us and appreciate fine wine, great food and good company we'd love to welcome you here, just a stone's throw from the river Loire.

The TGV offers an excellent service from Paris. What's more, we'll collect you and deliver you back to the station in Angers for your return journey to the capital.

Whether you're a complete beginner or a dedicated oenophile, we have something to offer.

The Loire valley region



Wine Tasting

Wine tasting should be fun - but also well informed. A typical day at le tasting room begins with an introduction to the Loire. Cathy will run through the basics of tasting technique, discuss the geography of the region and unravel the mysteries of French wine labelling in the relaxed environment of our tasting room.



le mystère

Enjoying an aperitif in the garden before lunch, tasting at Domaine de Bablut and Matt tasting a Chenin Blanc



Food and Wine

We invite you to relax and unwind over a candlelit lunch in our old barrel maturation cellar beneath the house. Terrines, patés, salads, fresh fruit and vegetables all sourced locally. Delicious French cheeses from the market and direct from our local farm, and mouthwatering desserts accompanied by the unctuous sweet wines of the Layon. Loire wine truly expresses itself when matched with our superb regional cuisine.

Our cellar ready for lunch

le goût



Still life, boat on the river Loire at Le Thoureil, Sybil waiting for guests to arrive and the beautiful springtime in Saumur Champigny

'We ate a fantastic lunch in their cave which is a sight to see. It's really unique and just a perfect setting' Diane, Paris



Secrets of the Vineyard

All around our region vineyards are waiting to be discovered: the hidden valleys of the Layon, schistous soils of Savennières and the limestone plateau of Saumur. Learn about pruning, budding, flowering and harvesting - all important stages in the lifecycle of the vine that Nigel can share with you. Passion, drive and commitment - qualities found in all the best producers. Don't take our word for it - ask them yourself! Come with us to meet them, stroll around their vineyards, explore their cellars and (of course!) taste their wines.

'The wine knowledge you were able to share was incredible. We feel like we know the Loire valley so much better now. We had no idea we'd learn so much - I'm now a huge fan of Vouvray!' **John & Jocelin, London**

la passion

'After lunch we went to visit a vineyard where we were introduced to growing conditions, pruning and harvesting. It was very interesting to have the agricultural perspective - thank you Nigel' Carol & Dan, Seattle



Sharing a glass between the vines and a frosty Anjou vineyard in January



Chateau de Cheman and Nigel explaining pruning in the garden



We pride ourselves on providing a unique and personal wine experience and can help you plan a short break in the Loire. We can also recommend excellent accommodation and restaurants all within easy reach of le tasting room.

Just ask - we're more than happy to assist.

le tasting room

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