



*Chateau Ribagnac*

LIMOUSIN, FRANCE

Newsletter  
2008

Hello to one and all,

This year we would like to begin by thanking all of our guests for visiting the Château and a huge thanks to those of you who have returned (again and again!) and for recommending us to your friends and colleagues. Also thank you to all those special people who celebrated honeymoons, anniversaries and birthdays here. The Château continues to attract the most interesting people and this year have had many visitors from all over the world further enriching the experience of all our guests.

Thank you for your response to the airing of the follow-up programme – especially to all our Dutch guests who have been so warm and a pleasure to have here at the Château.

In 2007 the Painting Course run in May was a great success, producing fantastic results culminating in an impressive exhibition on the final evening with champagne corks popping! The course was a great experience for everyone involved with the camaraderie, songs and limericks.....

Bastille Day weekend was great fun, with all our guests having the benefit of the fireworks in St Martin- Terressus from the viewpoint by the pond (accompanied by the frog chorus) after dinner, and then watching the spectacular display the following night at St Leonard de Noblat during dinner at the Relais St Jacques. It's a great festive weekend break with a real sense of fun and tradition.

Following last year's success with the Sawday's Guide, we were pleased to be inspected by Gîtes de France for inclusion in the next guide. We are also now recommended by Babyfriendly Boltholes, Brittany Ferries and the Sunday Times.

## New Events for 2008

### *Murder Mystery*

We are excited to be hosting a murder mystery weekend with a difference on the 14- 17 March. The

Château lends itself to the uniquely terrifying events of the weekend with the assistance of professional actors and the tailor-made scenario and characters for each of our guests brave enough to participate. You'll need all your wits about you if you are to crack the mystery, so don't let the food and wine cloud your judgement! Contact us to reserve your place if you dare!

### *Gendarmes et Voleurs – Calling all runners!*



Patrick will be running in the shorter race again in May 2008, and would like some company! There are 10 km and 32 km races for adults and also short distance races for children. Please contact us if you are interested and Patrick will provide information, help and assist in your registration.

This terrifically popular race is run cross-country and attracts both amateurs and professionals. It is one of the most challenging and enjoyable runs all in the fresh air and with a great atmosphere. It has a carnival air and begins with gendarmes on horseback in traditional dress chasing the "thieves of time" (the runners).

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### *Art Course*

We are happy to announce another course in June 2008. Places are limited to ensure plenty of personal attention from our professional artist, so please contact us if you are interested in developing your skills or benefiting from the landscapes that nurtured the beginnings of the impressionists.

### *Golf en Limousin*

We are happy to be recommended accommodation for Golf de la Porcelaine, a championship class golf course only 15 minutes away from the Château. We are now able to offer our guests preferential rates on green fees and also a reduced rate on the "Golf Passport" for the Limousin. The beautiful nearby Golf de la Porcelaine offers courses for both beginners and accomplished players as well as individual tuition, with a friendly and unhurried atmosphere, and an excellent restaurant for the all-important lunch break. We can help arrange events for larger parties. Why not enjoy a relaxing golf break away from it all?

### *Horse Riding*

The stable we recommend is set amongst rolling hills and woods providing stunning views. In 2007 they have benefited from the arrival of Thierry, who has



enormous experience and is well known for his "horse whispering" technique. Thierry speaks good English, and is offering made to measure riding courses. You can choose to ride half days or for a full time course, or simply go for a trek in the lovely countryside. For the more experienced riders, courses are also offered to teach whispering. Courses are available for children as young as three years old with the fantastic Sylvie, who specialises in working with younger children.

### *Wine Tasting*

We can now arrange wine tastings run by professionals from La Distillerie du Centre for groups of eight or more at the Château (no worries about driving!). You can arrange what you would like to



taste in advance, so it is an ideal opportunity to liven up your wine club or just explore new wines, champagnes or liquors with friends.....

### Happy New Year - Meilleurs Voeux

Thanks again to all our guests and people who have assisted at the Château and in the grounds over the year. We'll raise a glass to you all in front of our roaring log fire!

The Bergot Family  
Château de Ribagnac

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