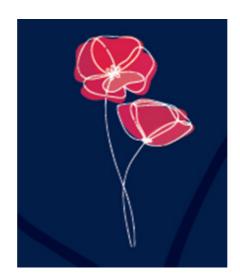




Wifi password: Not needed, please log into the "Guest" network



Welcome bookset



Welcome to our beautiful gites!

We are Iain and Marta, two young-at-heart retirees who would like, above all, for you to experience a wonderful and relaxing stay with us. We, and our slightly bonkers Old English Sheepdog, Taylor, are here to make your stay as enjoyable, peaceful and rejuvenating as possible.

We aim for perfection and therefore we will be delighted to hear your views about our gites to help us achieve our aim! Your comments (or criticisms) on the smallest of details will be welcomed and form the pillars of our ongoing success.

"Details make perfection but perfection is not a detail."

(Leonardo Da Vinci).

We are an oenotourism property, combining high quality accommodation which makes the most of its location in the heart of the Bordeaux wine producing region, with a small, Bordeaux Superior vineyard. Despite the peace and tranquillity surrounding the property, we are also close to all essential services. (Bakery, supermarkets, restaurants, petrol station, electric charging stations etc.).

We took over the boutique vineyard in 2018 and will be delighted to offer you the opportunity to understand the skill (or perhaps that should be more 'art') of wine making as well as the chance to taste the product!



1- Induction Checklist:

We will have gone through this when you arrive but, in the event that some guests arrive later, please point them towards this section so that they are familiar with the workings of the gite and our requirements during your stay.

General

- 1- To lock the doors, push the door handle firmly upwards and rotate the key. If the key will not rotate, push the handle a little more firmly. If we are absent when you leave (very rare) please lock the door(s) and put the keys in the small, black letter box next to our door;
- 2- WiFi Password: There is no password simply connect to the Guest network and you will see a welcome screen. If you have any problems with the WiFi please notify us immediately so we can sort it out;
- 3- Please reverse park (for safety) in the car park and feel free to reverse up to the gite door to unload;
- 4- **IMPORTANT** Smoking and Vaping Sorry, but smoking is permitted ONLY in the car park by the small shelter at the end of the car port (There is a cigarette bin on the wall). Vaping is permitted in the gardens but ONLY if it doesn't disturb other guests;
- 5- Protecting the Environment we have installed rainwater harvesting and LED bulbs throughout and we try to minimise use of water and electricity please switch off lights if not using a room and ensure that a/c's are switched off when not needed;
- 6- Groups using both gites We accept that you will perhaps need to move items from one gite to another but please ensure that before you go everything is put back in its original place;

Health & Safety

- 7- Health and Safety: The following items are provided for your safety please familiarise yourself with them:
 - Fire extinguisher Location: Salon;
 - Fire blanket Location: Kitchen:
 - First aid kit Location: Kitchen Drawer in The Barn; Curved kitchen cupboard in The Lodge;
 - Defibrillator Location Courtyard;
 - Smoke alarm Location: Various;
 - CO alarm Location: Kitchen);

Kitchen

- 8- You are greeted with a welcome pack which is distributed around the kitchen (Wine, bread, butter, oils, vinegars, herbs and spices etc);
- 9- IMPORTANT Dishwasher Probably everyone knows this BUT please do not put in the dishwasher the following items:
 - Non-stick pans;
 - Wooden items (e.g. chopping boards they fall apart!);



- Kitchen knives (ruins the handles);
- Unbreakable glasses (makes them cloudy);
- 10- Rubbish and recycling *Pay attention now* it's France, it's complicated!
 - Vegetable matter for composting goes in the Compost Bin on the kitchen worktop (no meat, fish or oils please). Once the bin is full, please take it down the driveway as if you are exiting the property until you reach the tall oak tree on your right. You will then see our fenced vegetable garden inside which is a large black composting bin (just by the gate). Empty your small food bin into the large one;
 - Glass goes in the bin marked Glass in the kitchen;
 - Coffee capsules go in the small, black bin by the coffee maker;
 - Dry paper, cardboard, (squashed) drinks cans, yoghurt pots, plastic milk and fizzy drinks bottles go in the Recycling bin in the kitchen – no food, vegetable or any other non-recyclable material please (we have to pick it out and it's really unpleasant!);
 - Everything else goes in the non-recyclable bin in the kitchen;
 - If you fill any sacks and need to get rid of them please simply leave them by your front door and the rubbish fairies will appear as if by magic and whisk them away for you.....
- 11- Cleaning: Your final clean is included in your rental price but please note that this *does not* include the outside plancha or the cooker/oven when you leave, please ensure that both are as you found them when you arrived. Cleaning products are provided in the gite (under the stairs in The Lodge and in the upstairs cupboard in The Barn) if you need them and each has a black bucket containing cleaning materials for the plancha;
- 12- Appliances: There are quick start instructions attached to both dishwasher and washing machine. If anything isn't clear, please just ask;
- 13- IMPORTANT 'Glass' glasses can be used in the garden within the envelope of the gazebo (when eating etc.) but if you go outside of the gazebo you MUST use the unbreakable polycarbonate glasses. If a glass is broken anywhere near the pool and the pool has to be drained there will be a minimum charge of €1,000 so, PLEASE......

Salon

- 14- All TV's are connected to Netflix and Amazon and any other internet channels;
- 15- Remote Controls There is a remote control (Bottom of the wine rack in The Barn and on the mirror shelf by the garden door in The Lodge) which controls the secondary salon lights and the lights in the gazebos. Please don't unplug any of the salon lights just use the remote (Left-hand buttons switch on, right-hand buttons switch off); Note that not all buttons are in use;
- 16- Candles are not permitted (fire risk) so we have provided some electronic candles they are switched on/off by quickly inverting the candle or shaking them (fairly vigorously!);
- 17- Coasters please use the coasters provided to protect the furniture surfaces;
- 18- Please don't water the plants they don't like to be over-watered;
- 19- Safe There is a safe in the wardrobe of the Barn's upstairs bedroom and in the salon of The Lodge. The code to open and close the safe is 9292#;
- 20- Bluetooth Speaker A bluetooth speaker is provided in the salon on the coffee table;
- 21- Wine and purchases Your welcome pack contains a bottle of our Cuvee Dom Peyreton wine and another six bottles are provided in the gite for purchase. There is a price list on the side



- of the wine rack in The Barn's kitchen and on the salon coffee table in The Lodge. Please feel free to order more we have lots!
- 22- Welcome Booklet A printed copy of our Welcome Booklet is provided in the salon;
- 23- Boules We have a championship-sized 'terrain de petanque' on the far side of the car park (exit the garden onto the yellow gravel path and follow it to your right. The boules are hanging on the inside wall in the small shelter in the car park (together with a broom for smoothing out the terrain surface);
- 24- Business cards please take some of our business cards from the holder in the salon and give them to all your lovely friends! We also highly recommend a visit to the superb Le Saillans restaurant in the village of Saillans (2 km);
- 25- Shopping Bags there are some shopping bags hanging in the salon please feel free to use them (but please put them back afterwards).

Bedroom(s)

- 26- Phone charging Each clock radio has a wireless charging pad on top. The display on all but the upstairs bedroom in The Lodge can be dimmed by one of the buttons on the right-hand side:
- 27- Velux blind operation (Barn Upstairs) There is a small remote to close the Velux blind in the upstairs Barn bedroom. The remote is by the light switch adjacent to the main door. Briefly press the down arrow to close and the up arrow to open;
- 28- Heating/Cooling upstairs both Barn and Lodge upstairs bedrooms have air-conditioning and heating. There is a remote control in each bedroom. Please ensure that the unit is not left on during the day if you are out or when you leave at the end of your stay;
- 29- Please don't worry about stripping the beds before you depart we'll do it.

Bathroom(s)

- 30- There may be a slight smell of vinegar the first time you shower we use white vinegar as an environmentally-friendly cleaning agent;
- 31- Illuminated mirrors Most bathrooms have illuminated and heated mirrors (two blue buttons near the bottom of the mirror. Please ensure that both are switched off when you finish in the bathroom both will be illuminated blue when off;
- 32- Hairdryer there is a hairdryer provided in each bathroom;
- 33- Toiletries In each bathroom the toiletries in the shower are (L to R) Bodywash / Shampoo;
- 34- Pool towels are located in bathroom cupboards;
- 35- Nothing other than toilet paper and human waste in the toilets please. Please wrap any sanitary products and place them in the bathroom bins provided;

Gardens / Outside

- 36- Gazebo lights these are controlled by the remote control in the salon (Lodge) and kitchen (Barn). If they appear not to work move a little closer to the gazebo. Apart from the gazebo, all other lights in the garden are automatic;
- 37- Pool Cover the pool cover is opened and closed using the key-switch on the side of the small, black pump housing in each garden. To open, the key should be rotated to 'O' and released.



To close, the key should be rotated to 'F' and held until the cover stops automatically. Don't worry about the clips but please do close the cover, especially at night, to conserve heat;

- 38- Please shower before using the pool, especially if using sun-screen;
- 39- Let us know at any time if pool bottom needs the robot for cleaning;
- 40- Plancha if you use the plancha please use it only on the gravel area in the garden and not on the slabs. Don't use with lid lowered and please clean after use;
- 41- Bikes We have six bikes available for loan to guests please ask;
- 42- The pool will have been cleaned shortly before you arrived but if you are staying more than a couple of days a net is provided to fish out any leaves which blow in;
- 43- Cushions Sun bed cushions are located in the salon of The Lodge and in the 'grenier' next to the bathroom of the upstairs Barn bedroom. Please use a towel to avoid them being stained with sun screen and place them on the table under the gazebo at night/if it is raining;
- 44- Mosquito traps we have high-tech mosquito traps and will explain how they work whenever necessary.

Other Information

- 45- Please see our website (<u>www.dompeyreton.com</u>) for much more information about the locality;
- 46- Libourne has markets on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday with Sunday being the big daddy;
- 47- There is a Sunday morning 'brocante' market selling vast quantities of stuff you can't live without next to the KFC on the way into Libourne (google KFC Libourne to find it);
- 48- Please don't touch any controls in The Barn grenier/loft;
- 49- We have a lovely, friendly Old English Sheepdog so you may hear the occasional bark when entering or exiting The Lodge as he won't recognise you;
- 50- Registration Form if you have booked through Booking.com, VRBO or Airbnb please complete a Registration Form for all guests;



2- Practical guide: essential local contacts:

The bakeries

• Boulangerie Pouplin-Route du Basque, 33141 Villegouge

Tel: 05 57 84 43 44

• Boulangerie Maison Labat- 18 Av. Fernand Pillot, 33133 Galgon Tel: 05 57 84 32 96

<u>Supermarkets</u>

- Mini supermarket Vival Villegouge Centre Tel: 05 57 51 14 19
- Supermarket Super U 2 Av. Fernand Pillot, 33133 Galgon Tel: 05 57 74 30 07
- Supermarket Leclerc 23 Av. de la Roudet, 33500 Libourne
 Tel: 05 57 74 30 07
 For a wider choice and possibly lower prices than Vival or Super U

Petrol stations

The closest petrol station is located in the supermarket Super \mathcal{U} (see above). Leclerc also has a petrol station.

Electric charging stations

Super-U

2 Av. Fernand Pillot, 33133 Galgon



TotalEnergies Charging Station

Saint-André-de-Cubzac A10 AIRE DE L'ESTALOT,

33240 Saint-André-de-Cubzac

Tel: 01 47 44 45 46

Open 24 hours

MObiVE Charging Station

Libourne 6 Rue de Schwandorf, 33500 Libourne

Tel: 0 811 23 01 23

Open 24 hours

Restaurants



• Le Saillans-Lieu-dit Cardeneau Nord, 33141 Saillans

Tel: 05 57 50 72 11

Le Saillans is located in the adjoining village of Saillans and is nothing short of superb (we think it's Michelin star standard!) It is run by Sophie and Gilles and offers both set menus and a la carte. Budget €80-100 for two.

• La Saye-12 Route de Cavignac, 33133

Tel: 05 57 74 32 35

La Saye is another good restaurant with an interesting local wine list. During the warm weather you can enjoy eating outside in the garden. Budget €40-80 for two.

• Chateau Prieure Marquet – St Martin du Bois, 33910.

Tel: 05 57 49 41 70

A superb restaurant located in a beautifully and quirkily renovated chateau which also offers chambres d'hotes. There is no menu as the food served is created by the chef daily based on local ingredients and a pairing of the chateau's own wine collection is offered. During the summer guests can sit in the wonderful outside area with fantastic views over the vineyard and beyond. Great for a special celebration. Mention to Julian (the maitre'd) that you're staying with us! Budget €200 for two.



• Chez Remi – 6 Rue Fonneuve, 33500 Libourne.

Tel: 05 57 51 27 71

A slightly up-market french style bistro set on the banks of the Dordogne river flowing through Libourne. Budget €80-120 for two.

- Le 89 59 Gd Chp de Sorillon, 33230 Abzac. Tel. 05 57 69 77 78 A good quality restaurant, popular with local French clientele and serving good food in a lively environment. A little bit of a drive from us but probably worth it! Budget €40-80 for two.
- Bistro Regent 2 Espl. François Mitterrand, 33500 Libourne Tel. 05 57 50 63 38 An excellent value French bistro at the top of Rue Gambetta in the heart of Libourne. Offers a limited, but good quality choice of menu, mostly with their signature sauce (delicious!) – great for a quick lunch while wandering through the town. Budget €40-50 for two.
- Le Zinc Authentique- 42 Rue Fonneuve, 33500 Libourne Tel. 05 57 25 34 84 Another, generally good quality, French bistro in Libourne.

Bars and Coffee shops



- La Placotte A Bar in Galgon- 63 Av. Fernand Pillot, 33133 Galgon Tel. 05 57 84 32 99
- French Coffee Shop- 76 Rue Gambetta, 33500 Libourne Tel. 05 57 24 43 37



3- Check-in and check-out.

Our check-in time is 15:00h.

Our check-out time is 10:00h.

Depending on the time of year and bookings we may be able to accommodate early check-in or late check-out – please enquire prior to arrival.

4- Parking and access to the gites.

The gravel parking area is right next to our gites and if needed please feel free to reverse into the courtyard to unload /load luggage and to facilitate loading and unloading for wheelchair passengers. The gravel parking area is under-pinned by heavy duty plastic stabilising panels and can be traversed easily by wheelchairs and bicycles. We would be grateful if, once unloaded/loaded, you could reverse park in the main parking area. Thank you!

Access for wheelchair users: The Barn is suitable for wheelchair users and one of the bedrooms has been adapted for this purpose (as far as we are able within the restrictions of the existing building).

5-Wifi and TV.

Wifi password: Not needed, please log into the "Guest" network. Commercial-grade WiFi is provided free of charge but we would please ask that you remember that we are in the middle of rural France and if five users start streaming video at the same time the broadband connection will struggle! It is absolutely fine for browsing, e-mail and other non-high bandwidth uses. Please also bear in mind that it must not, under any circumstances, be used for any illicit, illegal or copyright-infringing purposes.



TV: The accommodation offers Amazon Prime and Netflix together with a selection of international channels which can be accessed through the internet.

6-Emergency numbers

112 - 15-17-18

112 is the European emergency call number, which can be dialled free of charge from any mobile or home number, anywhere throughout the European Union. 112 puts you directly in contact with the emergency department concerned (local police, fire or medical services) and allows you to speak to an operator in various European languages.

112 is available 24 hours a day and 7 days a week

- 15 SAMU medical emergencies.
- 17 Police
- 18 Fire-fighters (also paramedics)

7-Household waste

We strive to minimise the amount of waste we produce which goes to land-fill and we would therefore ask you to help us meet this objective by carrying out the waste triage explained below. Once the bins in your kitchen are full, please place the bags in the appropriate container located in the small building in the car park.

1- Non-recyclable rubbish (brown lid bin).

Cling film, plastic bags, nappies, plastic trays, yogurt pots, polystyrene (and anything else which doesn't go in the yellow-lidded bin).





2- Dry Recyclable rubbish (yellow lid bin)

Paper, cardboard, tetrabrik, plastic bottles and containers, food/drink metal packaging (no plastic film and no polystyrene).



3- Glass

We provide a container for glass to be recycled but if you fill this during your stay there is a drop-off point for disposal at the end of route Laroucaud (turn left at the end of Chemin de Peyreton and the bins are 100m up the hill on the right).



4- Food waste

We produce compost using a significant part of our food waste although not all food waste is suitable for composting! We would appreciate it if you could use the dedicated bins we have provided to dispose of your organic waste.

What should **not** be composted (and should be placed in the brown-labelled bin in the kitchen):

- Meat and Fish Scraps.
- Dairy, Fats, and Oils.
- Citrus fruits (oranges, nectarines, lemon...)



• Plants or wood treated with Pesticides

8- Sewerage System

In common with most of rural France, we are not connected to mains drainage. In 2020 we installed a new 'micro-station' for the processing of waste water. This system is very tolerant of modern living but does have its limitations. It absolutely hates nappies, sanitary products and wet-wipes so please dispose of these (wrapped or bagged as appropriate) in the brown-labelled non-recyclable bin in the kitchen.

9- Cleaning

Cleaning is included in the rental price (for rentals of four or more nights); however, we request that you leave the property in a reasonable state of cleanliness as any cleaning over and above what would normally be expected will be chargeable. Please ensure that all crockery, glasses, utensils and cutlery is washed and replaced in their original locations before you leave and please do not put any kitchen knives, wooden utensils, non-stick pans or the unbreakable 'glasses' in the dishwasher — they don't like it! Please also don't use abrasive scourers on non-stick pans.

Please note that cleaning of the cooker and outdoor plancha is NOT included so please leave these in the state in which you found them (Clean!) If cleaning of the cooker or plancha is required then this will incur a ≤ 50 charge.

10- Gardens, Pools and Gazebos

We sincerely hope the weather will be kind to you and you will be able to make the most of the gardens and your private plunge-pool. The pool will be cleaned before you arrive but, depending on the season, may gather a few leaves during your stay. We would appreciate if you could use the net provided to fish these out and dispose of them on the grass around the olive trees. We would ask that



you shower before using the pool and this is especially important if you have been using sunscreen. Each pool has an electric cover which is operated by the keyswitch on the side of the wooden 'local technique' housing. To open the cover, turn the key towards the letter O and release. The cover will stop automatically when it is fully open. To close, turn the key towards the letter F (Fermer) and hold. If you release the key while closing, the cover will stop. We request that you close the pool cover each night, both for safety and to preserve heat.

Each pool has a heat pump to heat the water so you can get maximum enjoyment and relaxation from the pool. Please do not make any adjustments to the heat pump controls. If the water is too warm then simply tell us and we will turn the temperature down!

As well as your enjoyment, your safety is our highest priority. We therefore provide not only a wide range of glassware in the gite to meet all your needs but also a range of high quality unbreakable 'glass-ware'. This should be used in the garden anywhere outside the boundaries of the gazebo. This is because if glass-ware is broken anywhere near the plunge-pool it may be necessary to drain the pool to ensure that it is safe to remain in service.

To drain the pool will incur a minimum charge of $\in 1,000$ in addition to any repair costs – we are grateful for your understanding.

As most of our visitors come here to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the French countryside we ask that you respect those wishes and keep any music or outside noise to a level at which it doesn't impinge on our other guests.

11- Energy saving. Respect the environment

We are committed to sustainable development, the preservation of the planet and the protection of the environment. We try to respect nature and reduce our energy usage and waste creation as far as is possible.

Here are some of the measures we have put in place to meet these objectives:

• LEDs. All the bulbs in the cottages are LED which minimises electricity usage;



- Our household appliances have also been chosen to be energy efficient;
- We clean the coils of the refrigerators on a regular basis to make them more efficient;
- We have installed a high-efficiency/low temperature air-water heat-pump with associated under floor heating which minimises energy consumption by operating over a large area (the entire floor) but at a low temperature. We have not installed air-conditioning on the ground floor of the gites, firstly because it is very power-hungry and secondly because the stone of the buildings also acts to keep the building cool during warm periods.
 - We have chosen showers and taps which offer reduced water consumption;
 - We take care to buy eco-responsible products (eg: household detergents);
 - We minimise waste and work to minimise wastage.

Your role

During your stay, we invite you to follow the steps below; these are small gestures that can help our beautiful planet!

Water

It is certainly one of the most precious resources on our planet and one of the rarest too so please don't use more than you have to!

To minimise consumption here are a few simple steps....

Avoid running the washing machine or dishwasher half full.

Energy

Make sure that the windows and the curtains are closed, if the outside temperature is high, when you leave to visit the region for the day.

Even though our bulbs are all LEDs (low consumption) remember to turn off the lights in unoccupied rooms.



Finally, another little tip for everyday life that saves energy: be sure to turn off the computer or television when you are not using it and unplug phone and computer chargers when not being used.

12- Our location with the What3words app:

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