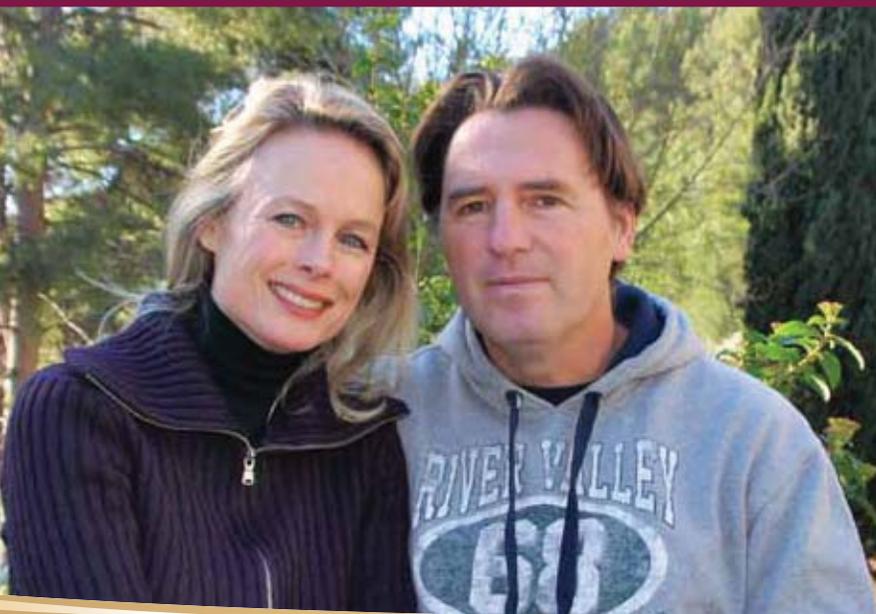


Domaine Rouge-Bleu



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Jean Marc Espinasse has always had a love and passion for wine, made the natural way. For the past 25 years, he has helped his uncle in the wine making business, with a family owned vineyard in Chateauneuf-du-Pape (Domaine du Banneret). Successful in the US importing business for the past 10+ years, he has been distributing boutique French family wines to the US market. It was only natural that one day Jean Marc would own his own vineyard and after securing the means to do so, in 2006, his dream came true and he and his lovely wife Kristin bought their first vineyard, and Domaine Rouge-Bleu was born (25 acres of old vines in a lovely "terroir"). Rouge-Bleu has been awarded many gold medals in France, secured numerous press articles and has ranked above 90+ points more than 4 times in Wine Spectator.

Having recently relocated to Bandol (near his roots) Jean Marc's new wine project is well under way. He will start a new Mediterranean wine project on his olive farm where he lives with his charming family; wife Kristin, son Max and daughter Jackie.

"I fell in love with wine when my uncle decided to purchase, 25 years ago, three vine parcels in Chateauneuf-du-Pape to re-create the family vineyard, Domaine du Banneret, which originally dates back from many centuries. As an educated CPA, I initially made the financial plans for the loans and participated in the first and all harvests. It was during this joyful epoch that I met my future American wife, Kristin author of the blog French Word A Day. I then started to offer my uncle's wines to US importers and decided to quit numbers to embrace the wine world. Now, besides Domaine du Banneret, I distribute a portfolio of 20 "boutique" French family owned wineries to 10 US importers.

In my dreams, I have often imagined that running a small vineyard just by myself would actually be a realistic project. And whereas I was not expecting it to happen, I was offered in November 2006, 25 acres of old vines with a great potential "terroir". Domaine Rouge-Bleu was born...6 years after, we sell out worldwide our entire production, mostly to the US and to the high end distribution side. Our wines have been awarded with many gold medals in France, quotes on "Guide Hachette" and 4 times above 90 points on the Wine Spectator and our vineyard has also received a lot of press articles.

Now, I am still involved with Domaine Rouge-Bleu and after have done a "one shot" wine project in Sicily, I have started a new wine project by the Mediterranean (near Bandol) where I have my roots. I will build from scratch 10 acres of vineyards and will re-structure the most ancient olive trees of the area...which have unfortunately been left without care for the last 5 years." - Jean Marc Espinasse

Kristin Espinasse was raised in the United States, moving to France in 1992 to be with her future French husband. In 2002, she began the blog that has generated 6 books, 3 of which were bought by Simon and Schuster to be made into the memoir *Words in a French Life: Lessons in Love and Language from the South of France*. Kristin has spoken at the American Library in Paris and at the famous Shakespeare and Company bookshop in Paris. Her blog, "French Word-A-Day" (www.french-word-a-day.com), is read by 40,000 Francophiles worldwide and is part of the curriculum at high schools and universities across the country.

Kristin lives near the seaside town of Bandol, on a wine and olive farm with her vigneron husband, Jean-Marc, son Max, daughter, Jackie and two bilingual golden retrievers, Braise and Smokey.

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Nov. 7		Overnight flight to France
Nov. 8	Paris	EMBARKATION ; Welcome Aboard Wine Toast
Nov. 9	Vernon	Morning cruising to Vernon for an excursion to Monet's House in Giverny; onboard wine lecture & sampling
Nov. 10	Vernon	Morning onboard wine lecture & tasting Afternoon Rouen city tour Chaîne Des Rôtisseurs Dinner with wine pairing
Nov. 11	Rouen	Full day excursion to Normandy Beaches OR "Taste of Normandy" with Calvados & Cider tasting
Nov. 12	Rouen	Morning excursion to Honfleur or Fecamp Monastery with Benedictine tasting
Nov. 13	Les Andelys	Afternoon onboard wine tasting Morning tour of Château Gaillard Afternoon scenic cruising with onboard wine tasting
Nov. 14	Paris	Captain's Gala Dinner
Nov. 15	Paris	Afternoon Champagne tasting in Paris DISEMBARKATION
Nov. 16	Paris	Paris extension: Wine Museum visit with wine tasting
Nov. 17	Paris	Free day with optional tours available Transfer to airport



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