

Zone Artisanale les Bruottées, 21200, Vignoles

Art du Tonneau has specialized in cooperage activities for more than 20 years.

No one is doing what we are doing in France! We animate a participative and ludic workshop that is perfect for your seminaries or family outings. You will be able to develop your ability to work as part of a team in a really convivial spirit.

We can welcome you alone or in a group. We offer you to discover the art of cooperage in our workshop or in a location of your choice.

We adapt the length of the activity according to your schedule.

We are mobile and can go everywhere in France. Our activities can be performed in English and German (booking required).

We can welcome you to our workshop in Vignoles, five minutes away from Beaune.

We have also chosen beautiful locations amid the wines in Volnay and in Pommard and can perform in an incredible historical location: the hospice remparts of the town of Beaune. (Booking required for this location.)

If you want to make your experience more intense, we can arrange a wine tasting to discover the benefits of aging wine in wooden barrels.

So don't hesitate... Surprise your participants with an innovative and ludic activity!

Have fun by yourself or with a team while discovering and learning about the ancestral art of cooperage: it's more than 2000 years of history!

We will be more than happy to welcome you and share our passion.

Looking forward to meeting you, we remain at your disposal to give you more information.

Best regards, Frédéric Gillet, Cooper.



Activity running:

Standard length of an activity: 1H30 (The presentation time is adapted to your schedule, minimum 30 minutes).

Première ½ heure :

- The History of cooperage,
- The actual market, the worldwide sales,
- The choice of oak and regions,
- The woodworking,
- The natural open air drying,
- The micro oxygenation,
- The shaping of the staves.





















Second half hour: Demonstration and initiation

- We will show you and teach you how to build a 228L barrel,
- Then, it will be your turn to build one barrel per team of 3 to 5 people (we can have up to 50 people trying at the same time). The game can be timed and rated.
- Goal : Practice the assembly of a Burgundy barrel. Team building is essential ! Fits of laughter guaranteed !
- Accomplishment : You will need to raise and to secure a 228L barrel (use of the hammer and driver to put in place the metal hoop) and it will have to be strong enough so you can roll it on the ground ! Of course, we will also take a souvenir picture !



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Last half hour:

The toasting and finishing

Explaining of the toasting process:

- cooking times, flavors given by the wood,
- the bending of the barrel,









- the barrel lifetime,
- the geographical choice of the oak trees by the winemakers,









- Preparing the ends of the barrel to insert the head and bottom.
- Demonstration of the « fonçage » (putting the head of the barrel).
- Finishing the barrel before its shipment.
- Questions.

For your parties and events, we can organize an all-day or half-day long activity. Your guests will have fun building small 10L or 2L barrels. The boldest ones will be able to try to build a 228L barrel. Your guests will discover everything about the Art of Cooperage!

« Adults / children activity, individual or team game ».