



the *gepetto*
OF BARRELS

Oh Barrel!

*Divine wine wood chosen for your qualities,
Heated into curves,
Chrysalis inspired by the passing years
You'll disappear like drops of wine dancing
on our tastebuds...*



Dionysos

MÉTAMORPHOSE
DIDIER
GUEVARD

The Story of My Life

Born in Le Creusot in 1965
and a cabinetmaker by trade,
I worked as a period furniture
restorer for 20 years.

My first creative piece,
The Diaposaurus, dates from 1996,
and took me over 1000 hours
to complete.

I started working with old barrels
in 1999, inspired by the beautiful
curved slats that remind
me of the propellers that
pilots love. I use new
techniques in woodworking,
gluing, and assembly to
bring these powerful lines
to life in a variety of
unexpected ways.

I modify the curved slats,
which are like the lines of longitude
on a globe, transforming them into an
alphabet that I use to tell stories through
my unique and poetic architecture.

During my first five years as a working
artist (2001-2006), *Dionysos* won the
International Grand Prize for Creativity
in Florence, and I designed the beer cellar
"La Billebaude" in the town of Givry. I spent
the next 16 years as a woodworking teacher,
and have now returned to making art again!



The Metamorphosis OF THE BARREL

Today, in the Burgundian valley of the Grosne river, I metamorphose old barrels and lend them new life.

My unique creations, whose ergonomics excite the senses, are like haute couture for Burgundian barrels, providing a harmonious counterpoint to the austerity of the straight line.



Skate on skate
2022



Diaposaurus

This project, the creative equivalent of walking the Way of Saint James, was inspired by the legendary Burgundian dragon La Vouivre. Completed in 1998, it was exhibited in Dompierre-les-Ormes in the summer of 2003 to more than 15000 appreciative visitors.



I live in the countryside between Chalon-sur-Saône and Tournus and look forward to welcoming you to my workshop (by appointment), where you can learn about my unique way of using barrel wood and view the pieces on sale.

I'm at your disposal for personal design projects, and am happy to discuss these with you, as well as to find the best way to ship pieces and arrange payment.



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