

Domaine de Beauvois – Loire Valley

The history of Domaine de Beauvois

Let us go back to 1966 when René Traversac, the founder of the Grandes Etapes Françaises, had just taken the plunge into a career in the hotel industry following the acquisition of Le Prieuré near Saumur and the transformation of the Château d'Artigny into a luxury hotel.

He was attracted by a proposal from Jean-Marie Martin, who was ready to sell his property at St Etienne de Chigny to the west of Tours, comprising a main house with outbuildings, an industrial building and three farms spread over 140 hectares of fields and woodland.

Was this the old unrequited dream of a gentleman farmer? René Traversac was won over. The deal was rapidly concluded and the sale took place in Tours on 3 June 1966 (before Maître Mothes). This is how the Domaine de Beauvois, then called the Domaine de Beauvais, but rechristened Beauvois to avoid confusion with the town of Beauvais, came to form the third link of the chain of the Grandes Etapes Françaises. .

Le Domaine de Beauvois down the centuries

Of the initial château, built in the 15th century, there still exists a tower and two gables surrounding the main building parallel with the road. This aristocratic house must have been very imposing since an old municipal register states that "On 20 prairial year II, the town council of Saint-Etienne-de-Chigny received the order to demolish the towers of the château de Beauvais".

Beauvais, a contraction of "beautiful valley" was a fief subordinate to the commune of Maillé, but when the Duke Charles Albert de Luynes, a great falconer and a favourite of King Louis XIII acquired it in 1619, it was made a part of the Duchy of Luynes.

There was a succession of owners with the passage of time. The most important of these were Joseph-Emmanuel Roujou, councillor and secretary to King Louis XIV in 1696, the La Béraudiere family from 1789 to 1888 and the Blanchard family from 1888 to 1924.

L'hôtel in a few words

35 rooms, 1 apartment (in the Château)
Satellite television, wifi access, minibar, lift
Personalized welcome for children
1 spacious dining room with a charming fireplace
2 small Louis XIII and Louis XV style dining rooms
Lunch served near the pool in Summer
Original and refined cuisine
Very lovely wine cellar carved into stone
Hiking or biking on marked trails in 140-hectare park
Heated outdoor pool
Tennis court
Wine tasting in cellars

Anecdotes

140 hecatres park next to the Duc de Luynes property

One of the most beautiful terrasse of Loire Valley

King Louis XIII would have hunted near to the Briffaut lake