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## Walks in the vineyards of Champagne



#### DISCOVER SPOY, A WINE VILLAGE IN CHAMPAGNE



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After your walk, come to taste our range and complete your Champagne discovery journey by visiting our winery. Enjoy your walk and wine discovery!

#### TOUR 1



#### IN CHAMPAGNE

 S T A R T Once out of the domaine's courtyard, turn left. You will soon notice the village wash-house made of bricks.

Take the small alley called " petite ruelle " on your left.

Get off and follow the D113 road towards Fravaux, then take the 2nd path on your right leading to the vines. The last plot on your right "La Potelle" is part of our vineyard.

Retrace your steps and take the very last path down on your left called "*la* Côte *de l'Etang*".

Turn right and head towards the Roman Bridge. Walk up the Roman road.

The 2 different tours split up the Roman road: You can either end with the tour 1 (see below) or continue on the tour 2 (see step 3 on tour 2) \*

**Turn right and go down the** "Rue Haute" **leading to the** "Place Chaudron" **near the church.** 

Go down to the "Rue de la Fontaine" and head back to the winery.

#### Our winery in the heart of Spoy

We have been winemakers for 14 generations in this village, going back to 1669. Our domaine covers 3.5 ha of vineyards in Spoy and more on 2 other villages in the Vallée du Landion (total of 6.5 ha): Meurville and Champignol lez Mondeville. Our sustainable wine processes, used since the 90's, have been Terra Vitis and HVE certified (High Environmental Value). We make Champagne since early 2000's, when Maxime joined us at the winery.

To enjoy these walks without major issues, please have the following with you:

- Hiking shoes or sneakers
- Water
- Sunglasses and hat/cap depending on the weather.

Landion Valley's **Vineyard** 

S T A R T Once out of the domaine's courtyard, turn left. You will soon notice the village wash-house made of bricks.

Go straight towards the church and walk along the linden trees to the right.

Up the Roman road, take the asphalt path on your left. \*

Continue up using the path on the right. Along this path you will have a view on 2 of our plots: the first called "legeux" or "bas de dampierre" is located down the first platform on the left, the second one, "entre-dampierre", is a culture en terrasse plot on the 2nd platform on he left.

Up the path, take the sharp turn right and walk along our plot "haut de dampierre".

Turn left by the end of the plot, then left again.

Continue ahead, with a view on the vineyards down there and the Vallée du Landion on your left.

At the end of the path, turn right to overlooking the vallon des "perouses".

**Turn right and walk down the old Roman road with** "les perouses".

Back to the village, walk down the "Rue haute" leading tothe "Place Chaudron" near the church..



TOUR 2

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Go down to the "Rue de la Fontaine" and head back to the winery.

These walks are suitable for children (from 10 years old) and adults.

**IMPORTANT** To allow us to welcome you as you deserve, please inform us of any visit. You can park your car on our dedicated visitor car park.

## SPOY

(pronounce "oy" like in "boa", /spot.o/) is an ancient wine village. Its name comes from Latin "Cypetum" or "Cepoi" which relates to the trunk of a tree or a dedicated place to the culture of the vine.

#### SPOY VINEYARDS IN NUMBERS

#### 73 hectares

(62 ha of Pinot Noir, 6 ha of Chardonnay, 5 ha of Pinot Meunier)

22 winegrowers

**3** winemakers

Clay-limestone soils on Kimmeridgian

## Roman Bridge

Built during the 2nd century AD, this bridge has been restored in the 70's. Have a look at the military milestones along the bridge and the sharp tip between the two arches.

## The Wash-house

Restored in 1891, its water comes from the springs of the village which then join the Landion (brook crossing the village).



Built in the 12th century, its entrance is crowned with a Roman style portico. It has been deprived of its bell tower during a fire in 1778 which destroyed most of the village. The original bells melted in the blaze. The bell tower was then reconstructed, but due to the fragility of the original stones, it was demolished in 1878. Since then, the nearby belfry holds the 3 replacement bells. These have been cast in 1779 on the "Place Chaudron".

## The Winery's courtyard

The courtyard used to be part of the old glassmaking factory between 1798 and 1848. At that time the factory employed many people from the village, which influenced largely its population. From inhabiting nearly 900 in 1840, Spoy only counts 180 inhabitants nowadays.

## The "côte de l'étang"

It is a 'Natura 2000' area, famous for its dry grassland. More information on reserves-naturelles.org Another walk can be done to discover this protected area.