

CAMPING de MONTROUANT

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Dear friends, dear guests,

This little newsletter starts our booking for next summer and bring you few informations about the family Gruel and about Montrouant.

First of all we hope that you are well and that the end of the year (after your holidays) was good. As every year we've lost in 2017 some nice guest or some friends but they are still in our thought and our heart ... c'est la vie ...

Here, everybody is fine. The children are busy. Camille with her studies (she learns for becoming a primary school teacher) and Pierre-Emile is still in Fontainebleau, bellow Paris, working in a clinic as a physio. The parents of Emmanuelle are well, mum is at 120 %, dad is OK but it's not perfect and sometime difficult. He is 87 this year so, no complains ...

Emmanuelle is fine, her back let her in peace and she is busy with the accounting and very soon with the bookings.

What are the new ameliorations in our small camp-site for 2018 ?

Every pitch will have his own tap of water and the place n° 26, 27, and 28 will be leveled and transformed for bringing more comfort and more space.

What about the wine ?

The crop of 2017 was poor. The frost of April has burned a lot of buds and for the Pinot, the Chardonnay and the Auxerrois, when the first bud is out, a second one spring out but without bunches. We had also a bit of hale during the summer time which reduce again the quantity and bring a bit of illness ...

Let's write the results : Auxerrois 2016 : 18 hl and in 2017 : 2 hl ; Chardonnay 2016 : 12 hl 2017 : 2 hl ; Pinot noir 2016 : 10hl and 2017 : 2,5 hl ; Gamay 2016 : 9 hl, 2017 : 6 hl.

We knew the gamay vine can give bunches on the secondary bud and we had the proof this year. I've decided to mixe the two white wine for working on a vat of 4 hl and to mixe also the pinot and the gamay. Hopefully it's stay some Auxerrois from last year (2016). I'm confident, it will be just enough wine for the next summer ! enough ... but not as good as the wine of 2017. It's the Nature, we must accept it ...

Speaking quickly about the fish, we have also a poor year. 1500 little sanders but quite small (8- 9 cm) and +/- 500 black-bass with a normal size (10 to 13 cm). We collect a lot (too much) little white fish. It's help for the income but it's not so easy to sell.

Coming back to the booking my friends, don't forget that we give the priority to our more regular guest (for exemple, Rose and Malcolm, who came for 30 years, they can decide when and where). For our guests who came for few years, try to be flexible on the date. But in any case, be sure that we do our best to satisfy you and welcoming you at Montrouant.

You'll find the booking form on our little website (www.chateau-de-montrouant.com).

For those who prefer to come in the low season, between the 1st of June (opening date) to the 7th of July and from the 25th of August till the 9th of September (closing date for 2018), you must know that we don't work anymore with Camping-chèque and Emmanuelle and I haven't decided yet if we'll work or not with ACSI, we must know first their conditions. Because we want to ask our guests the same price for the same facilities per night that these two company, it will be not necessary to buy a guide or a cart for coming to Montrouant and it will save us the paiement of fees or subscriptions ...

In 2018, the theme-week will take place from the 9th of June to the 16th and from the 1st of September till the 8th of September. You'll find in few weeks the program and the cost on our website.

Now, I would like to thank again our guests and friends who kindly give us wine, beer or other drinks and food (it doesn't mean that you have to bring something ... but ... (: ...). Because, for few years now, we always write down their Xname on the label or on the paquet, it brings us a really warm feeling in the winter time, the food and the dr taste always better when you remember who gave it and by thinking about the nice moments of the last summer



Emmanuelle, Pierre-Emile, Camille, mum and dad
join me for wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

