



Maison Felix

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A charming holiday cottage at the foot of Cordes sur Ciel

Gaillac

Gaillac is fifteen miles from Maison Felix, a thirty minute drive, or a train ride from Cordes Vindrac station. Gaillac is the centre of the wine region, and the scenic drive from Cordes takes you past some of the vineyards. On a clear day, looking almost like distant clouds, you can see the Pyrenees on the horizon



Gaillac is a good sized market town (the market is on Tuesday in the main square during the summer months). There are a good many interesting shops, an excellent greengrocer, and in the old monastery buildings by the Tarn is a tourist office and centre for the Gaillac wines. If you enjoy wine, this is a good place to start:

Most of the Gaillac wine producers are represented here with their wines on display, and informative cards showing the grape varieties and the soils. There are usually half a dozen or more wines available to try, and to compare. There are spittoons too, if you are driving. You can pick up a leaflet with a map of

the wine area marking all the wine producers.

There are wine trails marked by road signs, and armed with the map, you can explore some beautiful places and admire the vines and scenery. Many of the vineyards welcome visitors and will allow you to try their wines before buying them. The quality of the Gaillac wines has improved hugely in recent years, and there are some very fine wines to discover, almost none of them available in the UK. The local red grapes, Braucol and Duras are particularly distinctive, and there are some outstanding dessert wines too (also delicious with foie gras)

On the outskirts of Gaillac is a very big Leclerc supermarket - a good place to stock up on essentials if your car is not completely full of wine.