## Damien Jegat, personal beverage adviser for your reception

Damien acquired the Bar Tabac Presse in Vallery in 2005. He fell in love with the village and immediately fell under the charm of the castle. The "Beausoleil" is one of the oldest businesses in the village. Damien has been able to adapt and build customer loyalty by favoring conviviality and spontaneity.



With years of experience in the hotel and restaurant business, Damien adapts to the needs of his customers and also to those of the chateau. Indeed, he provides professional and tailored advice on beverages for wedding receptions: draft beer, wines, spirits and champagne. For him, the Château de Vallery is not only a medieval and Renaissance building in its green setting, it also has a soul, especially thanks to Patrice and his fabulous team whose energy and warmth make this festive magic vibrate and last.



Damien is happy to meet the expectations of the "temporary lords" who host their wedding at the Chateau. It is a real pleasure to advise these future brides and grooms who wish to take advantage of the different enchanting spots that are offered to them in this place full of history.



From the age of 16, Damien has learned to know and love wines. Having travelled and lived in Scotland, his interest in beers has naturally developed. He discovers new products through exchange and human relationships: network of family-friends-wine professionals, and sometimes by chance or luck. He essentially recommends the products he knows. Rather than "labelled wines", he favors those of "Small Producers", some of which have been known for more than 40 years by his small network.

## Some anecdotes...

- His business was acquired in 1922 by the grandfather of a former client (who would have been 90 today) and his mother worked there for many years. Gilbert, who left us recently, was a "character" of Vallery!
- His partnership with the Château de Vallery began at the request of a very nice American couple, who stopped by for a drink while planning their wedding. Ikram and Billy said to Damien, "I love your wine and your draft beer is excellent...Could you give us some advice for our receptions?" Damien replied "Yes".
- Some guests, wine merchants in Australia and in the USA, having appreciated the wines they had tasted, asked him for the contact information of "Families de Petits Producteurs" in order to import and sell their wines in their stores.
- Following a last-minute request from a screenwriter, Damien went in search of a very specific and little vinified Champagne. He finally found a Family Property that produces wines of superb quality... He stumbled upon a "nugget".



Damien in his "Beau Soleil" den in Vallery has deliberately chosen to display a very confidential digital shop window. You can nevertheless contact him by phone at 03.86.97.50.58 or send him an email at <a href="mailto:damien.jegat@orange.fr">damien.jegat@orange.fr</a>