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Neal Rosenthal acquires Closierie Les Capucines in Arbois, France charming bed & breakfast in the heart of the Jura

The Jura, named one of *Travel + Leisure's* Best Places to Travel in 2017, is home to a handful of acclaimed wines imported by Rosenthal

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Applying the breadth of his 40 years as a pioneer in the French wine trade, **Neal Rosenthal has acquired Closierie Les Capucines in the heart of the Jura district.** An exceptional 17th century stone property, previously a convent, the “chambre d’hôtes” b&b has been a destination for travelers since being renovated 12 years ago. Closierie Les Capucines (referring to the property’s past as home to an order of Capuchin monks) boasts **2 suites, 3 spacious rooms, hot sauna, outdoor plunge pool, bicycles, reading room and large French garden for relaxing while overlooking the historic bridges traversing La Cuisance**, the winding river that flows through Arbois ultimately into the Rhône. The sweet and savory breakfast experience at Les Capucines features daily local seasonal fare, sourced from the finest purveyors in town, some located only a few minutes down the street.

“When I first visited the Jura 25 years or so ago, it felt like I had stumbled into a stage set for Tolkien’s Hobbit trilogy. The rolling hills, the charming small villages placed a few kilometers apart one from the other, the very green pastures dotted with cows grazing, the vineyards set into rugged hillsides, the total lack of pretension, the deep vaulted cellars filled with old barrels cossetting the peculiar (and quite spectacular) Vin Jaune, a world quite apart from the hustle of the more prestigious neighborhood of the Cote d’Or a mere 75 minutes distance. I fell instantly in love with this region and its inhabitants, both blessed with an environment that sets the conditions for producing aged Comté cheese and wines of the singular trio of grapes known as Savagnin, Trousseau and Ploussard,” says Rosenthal.

Closerie is mere steps from the 2-star Michelin restaurant Maison Jeunet, famed chocolatier Hirsinger, and a host of world-class Comté DOP producers; it is easy walking distance to the Pasteur Museum, birthplace of Louis Pasteur, known as the creator of modern oenology.

In 2019, Rosenthal will offer the option to follow his own pilgrimage to wine producers in the Jura and beyond. A couple of kilometers down the road in Montigny-les-Arsures are the homes and cellars of **Jacques Puffeney** and his neighbor, **Michel Gahier**; **Mickaël Crinquand** in Pupillin; **Joseph Dorbon** in Vadans; and **Elise and Emeric Foléat** in Matheny. All villages within ten minutes of Arbois.

A decade or so ago, **Jacques Puffeney**, introduced Rosenthal to Closerie Les Capucines as a more intimate option for staying the night. After befriending Patricia Chatelain, the former proprietor, and learning she would sell the property, Rosenthal chose to put roots down in this corner of the wine world while preserving access to this jewel of a property. The Director of Operations is Elise Foléat, wife of Emeric Foléat, joint proprietors of **Les Matheny**, Rosenthal's newest source for fine wine from the Jura. The Foléat family now lives in the private residential part of Closerie les Capucines providing inimitable service to the clientele of the hotel.

Pricing will vary seasonal from 125-290 euro/night which includes daily breakfast.

<http://closerielescapucines.com/> in English or French / 4.5 Rating on TripAdvisor



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