



CHATEAU DE BONNEMARE

Located in Eure, Normandy

GRANT SUMMARY

The restoration project concerns the roof of the 12th-century barn. The restoration of the 995m² of roof will be entirely done with traditional Normand tiles. In this way the barn will regain its historical look in harmony with the rest of the chateau.

The restoration of the roof will allow the building to be used as a banquet hall for rental to raise funds in order to undertake other restoration work that needs to be done on the chateau.

AT A GLANCE

Location:	Eure, Normandy
Ownership:	Sylvie et Alain Vandecandelaere
Grant Request:	Available for funding
Matching Fund Source:	20% from DRAC
Allocation of Funds:	Roof of the 12 th -century barn Cost of work : \$ 70 327,86
FHS Payment:	TBD

HISTORY OF OWNERSHIP

Le chateau de Bonnemare as it appears today was built by Nicolas Leconte, Seigneur de Draqueville between 1555 and 1563.

In November 1888, Gustave Gatine, ancestor of the current owner, fell in love with the property and decided to buy it. He started his own farm. In December 1906 Gustave Gatine died. His son Lucien and his wife Manon inherit the chateau where they went to live for their retirement. The couple modernized the farm. They created a comprehensive irrigation network. Unfortunately, as many people of this period, Lucien and Manon both got tuberculosis and died a few month later. As they were childless, their niece Hélène inherit the chateau.

With her husband Pierre Salmon-Legagneur, they fell in love with the domain as well. For the first time, Bonnemare became a family home where they lived with their seven children. Their children and grand children continue the agriculture activities and began to open the chateau to the public.

The current owners, Mr and Mrs. Vandecandelaere, who took over the management of the chateau in 2005, undertook numerous restoration works in order to keep Bonnemare alive and open it to the public.

In 2005 and 2006 they started with the restoration of the interior to open the chambres d’hotes. In 2010 they restored the roof of the “pressoir”. In 2014, the courtyard side of the chateau entrance was restored.

COMPELLING INDICATORS

Today the chateau de Bonnemare is a successfully run “chambres d’hotes”. Besides the warm welcome and the magical atmosphere of chateau life, they organize visits of the region for their guests and numerous activities in the chateau also for the local people.



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