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The Dordogne has to be one of the most beautiful areas of France to visit with a wide variety of attractions for the traveller to explore be it wine chateaux, stone age caves or dramatic hillside villages. The beauty of the place is that in each case there is so much to explore that it rarely seems overcrowded or overrun run by the visitors who seek it out during the Summer months. **MG**

## *Bordeaux and a Kiwi Connection*

While some of the successes of Bergerac wines in recent times have been attributed to people outside the country such as Englishwoman Patricia Atkinson at Clos d'Yvine, it is not hard to find expatriates of all nationalities in the vineyards of France.

To find a genuine French Chateau with a distinct New Zealand connection is more than unusual however. Just 35 kilometres from Bergerac, in the Sainte Foy-Bordeaux appellation, Jacquie and Wilfred Franc de Ferriere, both with a direct New Zealand heritage, farm and make wine at the estate of Chateau Carbonneau.

Jacquie was a French teacher in New Zealand who met Wilfred Franc de Ferriere when she was visiting France in 1985. They were married in New Zealand three years later

and stayed here for five years before returning to France in 1992 to take over the property that Wilfred had inherited through his mother Olga Ray who was born in New Zealand after her parents had emigrated to New Zealand at the end of the First World war. They all returned to France in 1937.

The estate not only has considerable farm land where Wilfrid looks after both cattle and crops but also 20ha of vineyards from which they make Sauvignon Blanc (in a very different style to New Zealand), a Rosé and three red wines. Most of them are available here as you might expect with their connection to the country.

But the icing on the cake is the fact that not only is the chateau in the great Bordeaux tradition but that Jacquie has a number of rooms in the chateau that are available for boutique holiday accommodation.

The opportunity to have a glimpse of French country life at a chateau with a working vineyard and winery would have to be on a bucket list or two.

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