

3-26-11 Salon de Vignerons Indépendants

We met Barbara and her niece Tony who was visiting her at the Metro station Champerret. It is in the northwest part of Paris

There are charming parks everywhere.



This was another big exhibition but a little more accessible than the agricultural exhibition we saw last year or the wine show we experienced in London. These were the independent growers and vintners.

People were there to sample and to buy wine. There was a company there that would rent you a chariot (dolly), or deliver the wine to your home or business.



The symbol for the association putting it on is a man carrying a barrel on his shoulders. Each booth represented a small chateau and vineyard. At the back wall there was a list of all of the participating vendors. They were organized by type of wine - Burgundy, Bordeaux, Champagne, etc, and then were color coded. Once we had the key we were able to make our way through a little more sensibly. It was still pretty overwhelming.

We went our separate ways but stopped at 12:30 to meet Barbara and Tony to eat lunch. There were baguette sandwiches and an oyster bar and all kinds of other delicacies like chocolate. Barbara and Tony were tasting only Champagnes. Tony tasted foie gras for the first time. They had just returned from a day's trip to Épernay, a town in the champagne area that is still not very commercial and they had fond memories of it.

Look at this cute wine cave one can build to accommodate a small space or a larger space. It even has stairs in it if you need them. We thought it quite clever. On the right side is a stool where the vendor was sitting, to give you a sense of the proportions.



We managed to select 6 wines at a pretty good price. It was all we could carry since we decided against bringing our little caddy.

I took two pictures of Ernie to show off his new leather jacket purchased on rue St. Denis near our apartment.



That night we stopped at our local pub for a planche of charcuterie for dinner.

