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# BEQUETTE RIBAUT HOUSE & HOSPITALITY CENTER

351 St. Mary's Road  
Ste. Genevieve, Missouri 63670  
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Open Saturday & Sundays  
noon - 5pm; April thru October  
tours cost \$5 or are complimentary with the purchase of a glass of wine.

## DIRECTIONS FROM I-55:

Take Exit 150, and at the top of the exit ramp, turn and drive east on Highway 32 for 4.5 miles toward Ste. Genevieve. Make a slight right on US-61, (Ste. Genevieve Dr.,) drive 1 mile, then turn left onto St. Mary's Road. Bequette Ribault house is located. 0.5 miles on left, across from Le Grand Champ field.

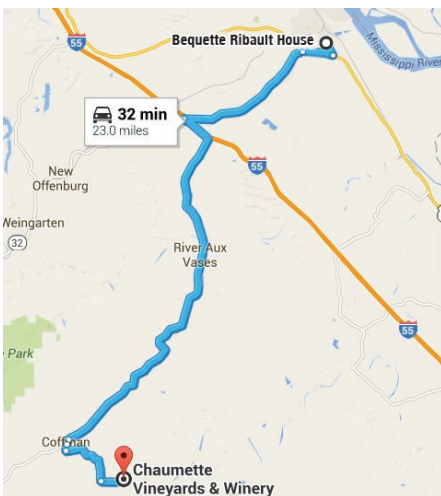
## FROM CHAUMETTE WINERY:

Turn left out of our driveway onto WW, and drive 2.6 miles, then make a right onto Hwy B at Coffman. Drive 14 miles northeast, and turn right, heading east on Hwy 32 towards Ste. Genevieve. Immediately drive over I-55 overpass, then continue for 4.5 miles. Make a slight right on US-61, (Ste. Genevieve Dr.,) drive 1 mile, then turn left onto St. Mary's Road. Bequette Ribault house is located. 0.5 miles on left, across from Le Grand Champ field.

## QUESTIONS?

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**C**HAUMETTE VINEYARDS & WINERY is pleased to present the newly restored Bequette Ribault House. We welcome guests to visit and learn more about who lived there and what life was like in post-colonial Ste. Genevieve. The Bequette Ribault House is open for public tours during warmer months. Our Hospitality Center is located in one of its restored outbuildings, featuring a timeline of events surrounding the building's history. There is a Tasting Bar, featuring Chaumette's award-winning wines. We hope to see you soon!



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# Bequette Ribault HOUSE

**BUILDING HISTORY** The Bequette-Ribault House was built by Jean-Baptiste Bequette, Sr. in 1808 and is located across from Le Grand Champ agricultural fields from the original French settlement in the mid-1700s. The two-room house is most noted architecturally by its Norman truss and "poteaux-en-terre" construction, or "posts-in-the-earth," a reference to its vertical logs built directly into the ground.

Five such structures remain in the U.S., and Ste. Genevieve is home to three of these buildings. The outbuildings include the renovated Hospitality Center, the Durand Cabin, a small structure moved from its original Ste. Genevieve location in the 1980s, and a barn and corncrib.

The Bequette-Ribault House is a medium-sized Creole house about 36 feet in length with two chimneys. The original hipped roof and encircling outer gallery was restored in the 1980s. Chaumette Vineyards & Winery Owner Hank Johnson purchased and began the second restoration in 2013 to accurately reflect the time period and original components of the house.

**CULTURAL HISTORY** The Bequette-Ribault House was originally built by the Bequette family, a prominent Ste. Genevieve family. Upon Bequette Jr.'s death, the property was auctioned in March of 1840 on the church steps to the highest bidder, Antoine Recole, a free man of color, for \$405. Two months later, Recole sold the property for the same amount to a free woman of color named

Clarisse, a former slave of the Francois Janis household.

Jean-Baptiste Bequette, Jr.'s acquaintance, Jean Ribault, was a wealthy residence of Ste. Genevieve and had been a minor aristocrat in France. During the time she was a slave, Clarisse gave birth to two children who were given the last name Ribault. Interestingly, Clarisse was included in Jean Ribault's will, who died in 1849. The only owners of the property from 1840 until 1969 were Clarisse and two generations of her descendants, all of who had the last name Ribault. Research continues in the pursuit to historically preserve the story of The Bequette Ribault's inhabitants with many questions unanswered at the time this brochure was printed.



main room,  
Bequette Ribault  
House

(opposite)  
clockwise from  
top left: Bequette  
Ribault's outer  
gallery, Norman  
truss, primitive  
kitchen, bedroom  
fireplace,  
bedroom, view of  
Le Grand Champ  
field, kitchen  
accouterments

