



## **ORDRE DES CHEVALIERS BRETVINS**

### **Duchesse Anne - Queen of France 1491 – 1514**

Daughter of Francis II and Marguerite de Foiz, Anne was born on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1477 at the Chateau des Ducs in Nantes.

On the death of her father in 1488 she became Duchesse of Brittany.

Married at the age of thirteen, by proxy, to Emperor Maximilian I, she finally married the King of France, Charles VIII on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1491 at the Chateau de Langeais.

Widowed in 1498 she married the following year, on 8<sup>th</sup> January 1499 with Louis XII who then repudiated Jeanne de France. This union gave birth to Claude de France, future wife of Francis I and Renee de France, future Duchesse of Ferrera.

Anne died on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1514, at the dawn of her thirty-seventh year.

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**The Duchesse, patron saint of the Breton people, gave the name to the Order.**

Indeed, the Bretons called it familiarly and with affection “la petite brette”. The founders added the word “vin” which gave “BRETVIN”!