

Dear Wine Lovers and Enthusiasts, Dear Friends,

The major French wine regions were not spared by the 2024 weather: frost, hail, and floods... resulting in diseases and often inconsistent harvests.

In contrast, vineyards with highly distinctive terroirs have been rewarded; vineyard work there is undeniably more demanding, but the 2024 harvest was there—rewarding.

Reasonable quantities and balanced juices allowed for harmonious vinifications in full respect of the non-intervention principle as explained in our viticultural charter:

Let nature do its work, simply accompany it.

In terms of quality, the grapes were perfectly ripe, and no disease was observed: fruit, moderate sugars—everything was in place to hope for a magnificent vintage.

Cooler temperatures during the second half of October led us to try a long-planned experiment: increasing the temperature of the tanks by thermoregulation at the end of maceration to “infuse” rather than extract—another opportunity to “let nature take its course.”

In the vineyard, the Mourvèdres of Vinsobres, now in their seventh leaf, are at their best: black fruit, spice, and color have now reached the desired level; they will henceforth contribute to the “Les Bécasses” and “In Fine” blends.

Our Mourvèdres in Vinsobres under the gaze of the Giant of Provence

[Image: mourvedres.jpg]

Our young white varietal plots really began to flourish this year: Clairette, Roussanne, Marsanne, and Viognier... A Vinsobres Blanc cuvée is on the horizon in a few years!

Roussannes – Viogniers – Terroir, terroir, and more terroir for our Syrahs

[Image: syrah_terroir.jpg]

In the cellar, early tastings confirm the great potential of the 2024 vintage.

Some recent bottlings are already impressive: Cairanne “Terra Rhona” 2021 and Vinsobres “Les Bécasses” 2022 are well-balanced and already winning hearts.

Cairanne “Quintessence” 2021 is our oenologist’s favorite—and also that of international tasters at the Avignon Wine Fair! The name suits it perfectly.

The 2023 “orange” wine, 100% Roussanne with skin-contact maceration, bottled in 50cl flasks, is clean-cut and pairs exceptionally with food.

The 2024 Viognier, vinified in demi-muids of oak from both Allier and the Vosges, promises to be sumptuous. This will be a wine to age. Some exciting tastings ahead.

With new and welcome recognition both in France (Revue du Vin de France and Guide Hachette) and internationally (Decanter), we have some excellent cuvées from high-quality vintages:

“Les Bécasses” and “Confidence” in Vinsobres, and “Terra Rhona” and “Quintessence” in Cairanne.

Commercially, 2024 marks a new record with continued international growth in Austria, Czech Republic, and the East Coast of the U.S. (Norwalk–New York).

China (Shanghai) is reawakening, and Japan (Tokyo) and Quebec (with Claude) continue to grow steadily.

In France, our sales growth around Greater Lyon is especially strong, while in Belgium, alongside new developments in Flanders, we are proud and happy to welcome Bertrand Leblanc of “La Maison du Vin” in Dinant into the exclusive circle of Master Cavistes (stocking our full range). Bertrand has been selling our wines for over 10 years!

Mathieu and Martin – Avignon, March 31 – Bertrand, La Maison du Vin, Dinant – Claude Coulombe

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Czech Republic – Quebec

We are confident for 2025, thanks to very generous winter rains and a slightly less early budburst than in 2024. If Mother Nature allows it, we will again make some whole-cluster cuvées (with stems) this year.

Papy Grenache in Cairanne, 87 years old

[Image: papy_grenache.jpg]

We sincerely thank you for your trust and enthusiasm in following our wines.

With winemaking friendship,

Gérard and Denise

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