



# Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux

## NewsLetter

Brotherhoods...

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### JURADE DE SAINT-EMILION : HARVEST PROCLAMATION !



de Saint-Emilion introduced 10 news Jurats, wine-growers

Harvest Proclamation at the Jurade de Saint-Emilion last 19th September hold at the « Tour du Roi » with more than 700 guests. Your Excellency Naser AL BELOOSHI, Bahrain Kingdom Ambassador in France presided the Traditional Investiture Ceremony during which Jurade



Jurade de Saint-Emilion

### IN MEMORIAM



#### **Mourning at Château Figeac - Thierry Manoncourt Death-**

“I became a wine grower by chance”, Thierry Manoncourt used to say. Just days away from his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, this outstanding figure in the Saint Emilion wine fraternity died yesterday, peacefully, at Château Figeac, the prestigious cru classé covering 54 hectares of which 40 are vineyards. He arrived after the War to take charge of the château, a property which had been in his family since 1892. Over the decades, Thierry Manoncourt innovated on the estate. He became universally respected as a man of his word, as much for his wine as for leading the collective promotion of the trade. He was in fact among the founder members of the Bordeaux Grand Crus Union. He served as President of the Saint-Émilion Confrérie, known as the Jurade, from 1964 to 1987. This elegant and courteous man was one of the pioneers behind the promotion of Gironde’s wines for major exportation as far afield as Japan and the USA. “Even recently, he was still writing to me with new ideas. He was a great man, always up-to-date,” indicates Jacques Bertrand, today’s Jurade President. Twenty years ago, Thierry Manoncourt handed over the Figeac baton to one of his four daughters, Laure, and her husband Eric d’Aramont. The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at Saint Émilion.

## LA COMMANDERIE DU BONTEMPS MEDOC & GRAVES FETE LES VENDANGES !



**THE CHATEAU de LAMARQUE HOLD THE HARVEST FESTIVAL!**  
2nd Harvest Festival organized by the Commanderie du Bontemps Medoc and Graves, Barsac and Sauternes was held Saturday, September 11 at Château de Lamarque who also hosted the dinner Mille Pasta "Marathon du Médoc."



The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Gilles Gromand d' Evry, which they preserved the building's past glories were happy to welcome many guests.

Following the traditional investiture ceremony, a dinner with lively colors of the harvest gathered guests. In climax, a spectacular fireworks display launched from the castle on the bottom of the Mozart Requiem, under the sign of beauty and emotion, finished to give this festival a rare elegance.

The Harvest Festival has dethroned the traditional Harvest "Ban" which signified the official beginning of the harvest. Today, Ban no longer sets the date of the early harvest but true to tradition, the Commanderie du Bontemps committed to respecting the early life of a vintage with its Harvest Festival.

The origin of the "Harvest Proclamation" dates from the Middle Ages. Originally, the ban harvest was simply intended to facilitate and control the sharing of the harvest. A date was set strictly for the early harvest, which is no longer valid today.

The Commanderie du Bontemps is co-founder and partner of the Medoc Marathon, world famous sporting event that will celebrate its 26th anniversary this year. Many wine lovers and professionals around the world who come to our region both for performance and for all wine-related events such as Harvest Festival, or the challenges of chateaux. In addition, the atmosphere is one of the friendliest and most festive in the world. The reputation of this event always surprises: A few months ago, in China, a distributor proudly displayed his diploma obtained courageously brave marathon on Medoc Trail ...



*Commanderie du Bontemps  
Médoc et Graves  
Sauternes et Barsac*



## BAILLIS DE LALANDE DE POMEROL



Michel-Pierre Massonie, Grand Maître Emeritus, Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux President Honorary came back as 1st Founder Bailli of Lalande de Pomerol founded in 1984.

As 1st Bailli Founder he welcomed the Commanderie de Bordeaux in Malmö, last 9th september.



The Baillis and members of the Lalande de Pomerol Winegrowers' Association received journalists on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and adopted a new slogan:

**“LALANDE DE POMEROL IS VERY CLOSE”**

Very close to winegrowers, very close to buyers, very close to the press in general and in particular to trade press journalists; very close to the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux and to the Commanderies based all over the world; and lastly, very close to the ‘Friends of the Baillis of Lalande de Pomerol’, a new club created for wine enthusiasts.



To understand, learn and share our values, traditions and wines, the club will provide members of the general public with the opportunity (launch at the beginning of 2011) of enjoying half-day visits and wine tasting, (taking part in grape harvesting, understanding the system of *Primeur* wine sales, sharing in the daily activities of families that work closely with the lands of this Appellation, etc).

The Baillis and members of the Lalande de Pomerol Winegrowers' Association are combining their efforts to set up a varied programme for the coming year:

- Receptions for International Commanderies of Bordeaux Wine and for groups of enthusiasts of Lalande de Pomerol wine, held by the ‘Friends of the Baillis Club’: half-days for groups of 4 to 25 people, organised in collaboration with Tourist Information Centres, including visits and a workshop based on a chosen theme, induction of new members into the ‘Baillis Club’ and lunch at an estate belonging to a Bailli winegrower
- Trips abroad, with tastings held for importers and journalists
- A celebration in honour of the patron saint of wine, Saint Vincent
- The ‘Ban du millésime’, a prestige event to present the new vintage
- Open-days weekend
- The Lalande de Pomerol Appellation will be present at Vinexpo in 2011

Information about many more activities will be given throughout the year.



The Baillis and all the winegrowers of Lalande de Pomerol want to put their motto into practice: “*Cordi Habeo*” “*I have the firm intention*” ...of holding even higher the pennant of the LALANDE DE POMEROL Appellation!

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## *Les Compagnons de Bordeaux*

On 12th September, Compagnons du Bordeaux celebrated their Harvest proclamation at Château des Arras.



Presided by Colonel Carde, ex-Master of the Horse Ecuyer from Equitation Academy & Black Frame of Saumur.

The ceremony was presided by François Chaussié, Compagnons du Bordeaux Grand Maître

## *Connétablie de Guyenne en Entre-Deux -Mers*

The « Autumn Chapter » of Connétablie de Guyenne in Entre-Deux-Mers was hold in the Court of Château de Rauzan on Saturday 4th September .



Four new members have been inducted by the Grand Maître Armand Schuster de Ballwil : the deputy Jean-Paul Garraud ; Jean-Marie du Val, Pays de Branne Tourist Office President; Hugues Puissant medicine Professor, native from Angers, and Jean-Jacques Peyras (Hautes-Pyrénées).



## *GRAVES DE VAYRES*

### **Cinematographic ZOOM on the Graves de Vayres vineyards at Château Lesparre**

On 16th September, the stars of the Chinese cinema, Mr Li Yapeng, Miss Xu Jinglei and the director of the movie Yibai Zhang, so famous in China have been introduced by the Connétable des Graves de Vayres.



**Zongli Juan, importer  
was also awarded as  
Councilor of Honour of  
Connetable des Graves  
de Vayres during this  
ceremony.**

**GRAVES DE VAYRES**  
APPELLATION D'ORIGINE CONTRÔLÉE  
*Au cœur des Bordeaux!*

# Chapters... Chapters...

## A new Chapter in Seattle aux Etats-Unis !



Clif, Hans Giner, Angus Smith, David Miligan

Successful opening of the Seattle Chapter, our 30th, on Oct 7. 2010.

It was a fine evening on the 75th floor of the Columbia Tower in Seattle with a wonderful view over the Seattle harbor.

David Milligan, Angus Smith and Clif presided.

The first picture shows Hans Giner, the Maitre, with the robe and his Regent, Stein Kruse.



Commandeurs de Bordeaux in Seattle

The second all of the inductees who could attend, plus the French Honorary Consul. The membership is around 20 which is pretty good for a new chapter.

## Commanderies de Bordeaux visits in BORDEAUX VICINARUS



Pelayo de la Mata and commandeurs de Bordeaux in Madrid during their last visit in June.



6 -10 september

15 - 19 september

13 - 17 october 2010

→ Commanderie de Bordeaux in Malmö 

→ Commanderie de Bordeaux in Copenhagen 

→ Commanderie de Bordeaux in Brussels 