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EDITORIAL

The harvest ended on 7 October. It marks the end of one cycle and the start of another. The result of all the work carried out over the vine's cycle, from the winter period to the harvest, is always dependent on external factors and these we cannot control, especially the weather. We had a particularly hot summer, with record high temperatures for our area. But will this exception become the rule?

Faced with climate change, we have no choice but to anticipate and adapt. We, Les Vignerons de Buzet, are fully aware of this need. As precursors in many areas (Bee Friendly label, HEV certification, plant cover, etc.), we have already shown we are able to do this. But, in practice, it is sometimes difficult to take things further still when we – and nobody else for that matter – have no idea what the future holds! We take risks and explore various avenues committing to them for at least one year, the time it takes for the vine to complete its cycle. We are constantly examining and reviewing our growing practices, giving us plenty of scope for debate. Thank goodness!

Commitment and innovation are our hallmarks. We must also respect the regulations of our Appellation d'Origine Protégée (Protected Designation of Origin, formerly AOC). They determine what grape varieties we plant and some of the growing methods we use (pruning for example). We must evolve and the AOP must also provide us with a framework that is better suited to the current situation and especially to the future one. Since the creation of the AOP in 1973 (largely thanks to our cooperative), the work in the vineyards has been turned on its head. You just have to look at the timing of the harvest over an extended period to see the shift. 7 October used to be the date when the harvest started! We, Les Vignerons de Buzet, are convinced of the need for change, but the speed of our adaptation is not solely in our hands.

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**COMMITMENT
AND INNOVATION
ARE LES VIGNERONS
DE BUZET'S
TRADEMARK.** ”

Vincent Leyre, Chairman of the Supervisory Board



CSR: “HORS CATÉGORIE” AWARD WINNER

Hot off the press! We, Les Vignerons de Buzet, have been named the “Hors Catégorie” winner of the Trophées Or Normes, organised by Afnor, the Afnor Members Club and the Les Echos newspaper.

The jury made up of experts in standardisation selected Les Vignerons de Buzet for the practical application, by an SME company, of a collective, long-term comprehensive approach covering the entire field of quality and management standards with the voluntary ISO 26000 standard at the centre of its strategy.



Experimental vineyard

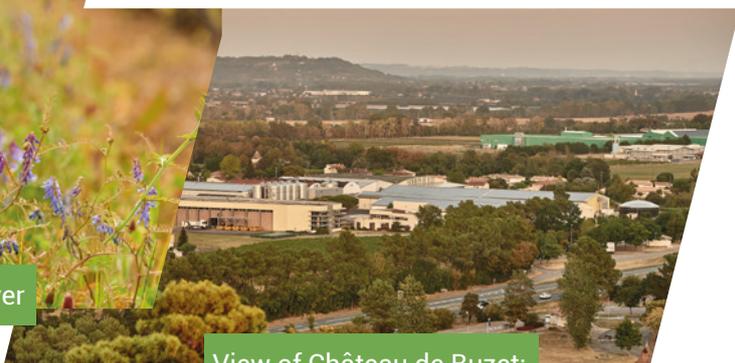
REGIONAL SELECTION FOR AN OUTSTANDING PROJECT!

We are one of the winners of the VitiREV project backed by the New Aquitaine Region as part of "Territoires d'Innovation"! Our project includes our experimental vineyard⁽¹⁾ and, through the creation of a Territorial Innovation Laboratory, as part of a participative and multidisciplinary process, all the activity we have undertaken to engage our local area in agro-ecological transition.

(1) Self-fertilising vineyard, resistant to bio-aggressors, free of chemical inputs and capable of withstanding climate change.



Plant cover



View of Château de Buzet: the cooperative and experimental vineyard



IN SHORT

The VitiREV project backed by the New Aquitaine Region:



130 PARTNERS INCLUDING 6 OFFICIAL BODIES



ECOLOGICAL AND ENERGY TRANSITION, AGRO-ECOLOGY



RURAL COMMUNITIES



2,100,000 PEOPLE INVOLVED

GOALS

- End the systematic use of plant protection products by training wine growers in the use of new practices;
- Develop a model for the protection of the soil and biodiversity and ensure a living environment of well-being and health for all;
- Initiate an inclusive dialogue between winegrowers, citizens, associations, public authorities, scientists, trainers, companies and investors;
- Support winegrowing and winemaking professionals to develop their know-how while preserving the typical character of their local area faced with climate change.

IN THE VINEYARDS



A PROMISING 2019 HARVEST

We harvested grapes of good maturity and, despite a particularly hot and dry summer, we were also able to bring in sufficient volume. Our plant cover played an important role in compensating for the lower than usual supply of water.



02/09



Harvest started for white wines and rosé wines

13/09



Harvest started for red wines

07/10



End of the harvest

THE GRAPE HARVEST 2019 BANS: FIVE NEW AMBASSADORS

We, Les Vignerons of Buzet are delighted to welcome five new ambassadors. The following were inducted into the Confrérie des Vins de Buzet (Buzet wine brotherhood) at its "Ban des Vendanges" annual meeting.



Laurent Réglat,
president and
founder of Coaxis
ASP

Laurent created Coaxis ASP in 2001 and it has since become one of the leaders in information system (IS) hosting for SMEs in the French market.



Michel Masset,
president of
the community
of Confluent
communes and
Mayor of Damazan

A self-taught man from the automotive distribution industry, Michel carries out multiple functions within the Confluent area. His ambition is to "make Damazan an economic and touristic island of freshness and well-being".



Jean-Louis Buer,
president of the
General Inspection
and Audit Mission
at the French
Ministry of
Agriculture and
Food

With a long career at the Ministry of Agriculture and a former director of the INAO, through his mission, Jean-Louis helps spread the reputation of French agriculture.



Jean-Pierre Alaux,
journalist and
writer

Jean-Pierre won the "Trois Couronnes" literary prize for his latest novel "Quand le diable dansait à Ilbarritz" (When the devil was dancing in Ilbarritz). He is also co-author of "Sang de la Vigne" (Blood of the Vine) whose adaptation for TV (France 3) starred Pierre Arditi.



Béatrice Lagarde,
prefect for the
Lot-et-Garonne
department

After starting out in the judicial system, she moved into local government in 1996. She has been the Prefect for the Lot-et-Garonne department since December 2018.

LET'S TALK WINE

CHÂTEAU DE GUEYZE - A NEW LOOK

Here, at Château de Gueyze, the vine is also cared for "musically" and its abundant biodiversity creates a natural balance. Here, at Château de Gueyze, we are constantly experimenting to ensure a living viticulture. Tested, approved and proven over time, the successful experiments are then rolled out and adopted in all our member-growers' vineyards. This château is known for the innovations introduced there and then deployed elsewhere. This innovation is illustrated by its new label.



"THERE IS NO GREAT
GENIUS WITHOUT
SOME TOUCH OF
MADNESS."
ARISTOTLE

WITHOUT ADDED SULPHITES, THE CANADIAN AIR SUITS US WELL!

"C'est tiguidou!"⁽¹⁾
Sans, our wine without added sulphites, has been spotted in Canada. We are not going to "niaiser avec la puck"⁽²⁾, Sans has been listed in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba! Recognised influencers from the wine world have also written about it and, above all, it appears to have been well received!

(1) it's great
(2) beat about the bush



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THE CHÂTEAU AND FABRIQUES DE BUZET ASSOCIATION AIMS TO REVITALISE A SYMBOL



The *Château et Fabriques de Buzet* association has been created! This new association aims to revitalise a local Buzet icon: the Château de Buzet. Its first initiative was to organise an international volunteer project which took place from 1 to 22 August under the aegis of the Concordia association. The 11 young women and men involved, led by two project leaders, put so much heart and effort into their work that they cleaned up more than originally planned. The château, as well as the outbuildings, have, of course, greatly benefitted from this.

This project could not have happened without the valuable support and involvement of the local residents, communities and businesses.

JOIN THE ASSOCIATION! <http://chateau-fabriquesdebuzet.fr>

For a membership form and further information, email: info@chateau-fabriquesdebuzet.fr

To all those who welcomed and helped the volunteers, whether with a smile, a crate of fruit from the garden or some homemade goodies!

to the Buzet and Damazan town councils for their warm welcome, accommodation, loan of equipment, organisation of events for the volunteers, and creating links with the local area;

to the Peugeot dealership in Marmande and Garage Gérin, which loaned its vehicles to the volunteers;

THANK YOU!

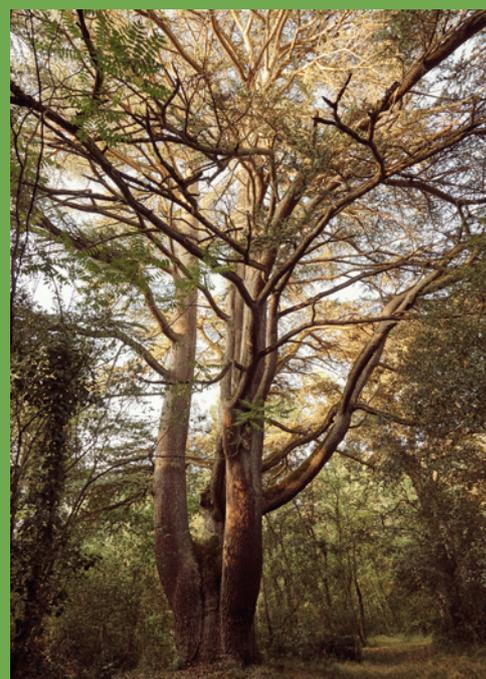
and, of course, to the Concordia association, which selected this project!

to Les Vignerons de Buzet cooperative, its winegrowers and employees, for their hospitality, overseeing the project, the loan of equipment and a tour of their vineyards,

DID YOU KNOW?

RARE SPECIMENS IN THE CHATEAU DE BUZET GROUNDS

One-third of the 11 hectares of the Château's grounds is forest. About fifty species of trees live side by side. From native (oaks, ashes, hornbeams...) to exotic species (maples, Lebanon cedars...), each tree has its own place and creates a forest of timeless tranquillity. Three cedars knotted together are particularly worth seeing.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

WINE PARIS
FEBRUARY 10 TO 12, 2020
(trade show)



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