



## A third of Les Vignerons de Buzet cooperative's vineyards are certified as being of "High Environmental Value"!

**On 27 November, Les Vignerons de Buzet cooperative became the first winegrowing business to obtain HEV certification as a collectively-managed structure. 627 ha of holdings, of which 562 ha are planted with vines, have obtained the highest of the 3 certification levels making them of "High Environmental Value".**

With a first vineyard holding certified in 2017 and another area of vineyards just certified, Les Vignerons de Buzet cooperative becomes one of the largest vineyards in France to have obtained this official French State accreditation. The certification requires us to be accountable for our results and covers 4 key areas: biodiversity conservation, plant protection strategy, management of fertiliser use and management of water.

It should be noted that, as HEV certification is awarded to an agricultural holding, the Cooperative is therefore positioned as an umbrella structure, ensuring the proper technical and organisational monitoring of each holding's environmental performance indicators.

After 15 years of innovation in the field of environmentally-friendly winegrowing practices, the achievement of HEV certification is the logical outcome of the Cooperative's overall approach to winegrowing and winemaking.



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