



The Grand Conseil du vin de Bordeaux's Newsletter

Summer Newsletter 2017



***Message from
Francis Boutemy,
Grand-Maître of the GCVB***

Dear Colleagues,
Dear Commandeurs,
Dear Friends,

It has been almost a year now since the presidency of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux was entrusted to me.

I have put myself at the entire disposal of this fascinating and absorbing role.

"We have two ears and a mouth, which means we must listen twice as much as we speak." Let us make this our proverb, because there are so many messages to convey whilst remaining constantly attentive to what we hear.

The GCVB is at the origin of the Bordeaux wine brotherhoods and it is these organisations we must inform in priority, remove the complexes of these winegrowers who should be proud of the quality of their production. We have already met some wine brotherhoods and we will meet with others before the end of the year.

In 26 countries on the five continents, we have 81 and very soon 83 marvellous information relays (this year we are going to inaugurate two Bordeaux Commanderies: one in Paris and the other in Stockholm). These delegations are coordinated by people who are passionate about Bordeaux wine and are truly representatives of the excellence of our wines.

To be efficient, these relays must receive the right information and be in touch permanently with the Grand Conseil.

I ensure this role of coordination and exchange of information with Caroline Delaroche, whom I thank for her work from day to day and in particular for the warm

welcome she always reserves for Commanderies who come to visit the Bordeaux winegrowing region.

Attentive to the Commanderies, we have already met the expectations of some of them. Michel Venot, Maître of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Cleveland has been elected as representative of the US Commanderies in Bordeaux. He has put forward to us several suggestions, to which we will give positive follow-up, although implementing these is going to take some time. (Michel Venot's letter is here below).

We maintain links with the Commanderies which are as close and as cordial as can be, either by direct contact thanks to an easy exchange of e-mails, or via the intermediary of the Territorial Grands Maîtres welcomed during our last General Meeting, whom I thank for their presence: Paul Chedgy, Peter Baumgart, Christian Schmit, Fritz Strunkmann-Meister, Sergey Avdev, Daniel de Busturia and Angus Smith. They also enable us to relay information.

I mention Angus Smith last, because I would like to keep a few lines in this Editorial for him in particular.

"Dear Angus, as Chairman of the US Board since 2001 and up until June 10th 2017, when you handed over to Eric Vogt, Maître of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Boston, you have contributed to a considerable part of the history of the American Commanderies, a period during which you enabled the creation of numerous new Commanderies, coordinated by a structure

grouping together the Maîtres of the US Commanderies. You have dedicated yourself to this role by being present within the Commanderies. It required a great deal of perseverance and diplomacy to see this task through successfully.

You have ensured a permanent link between the US Commanderies and the Grand Conseil. You have attended many of the Commanderies' events in Europe and I cannot recall that you have ever missed a General Meeting of the Grand Conseil over the past 10 years. I would like to thank your wife Irina too, who was always by your side. Indeed, we all know just how important one's spouse is when carrying out roles such as the one you have just accomplished.

On behalf of the men and women of Bordeaux's Vines and Wines, my dear Angus, I would like to express all our gratitude and thank you most sincerely for everything you have accomplished."

Since June 10th 2017, Eric Vogt is the new Chairman of the US Board. The official handover of power will be held in January 2018 at Palm Beach.

During our General Meeting held on June 23rd 2017, we formalised the fact that 3 representatives of the 81 Commanderies may have a right to vote at the Privy Council and the General Meeting and may be involved in the management of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux. There is 1 representative for the United States of America, 1 for Europe and 1 for the rest of the world.

Attentiveness and sharing, these concepts guide the course of action we have chosen for the smooth running of the GCVB.

Francis BOUTEMY
President and Grand Maître
of the Grand Conseil du Vin de
Bordeaux

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Letter from Michel Venot to Francis Boutemy

Subject: The US Commanderies wish to give new impetus to receiving managers of wine estates in Bordeaux's major appellations

Dear Mr Boutemy, President and Grand Maître, I am writing to convey the aim expressed by Mr Angus Smith, Grand Maître of the US Commanderies, to receive more visits from managers of Bordeaux wine estates. For this purpose, he appointed me as Representative for Bordeaux with the role of establishing contact and following up on these visits.

Our Grand Maître, Angus Smith has increased the number of Commanderies in the USA by 30%. Visits from wine estates to these Commanderies, particularly those that are rarely visited, is essential to continue their development and ensure renewal.

We can organise a visit of an American Commanderie of your choice, or even better, a series of visits spread over several days. Commanderies visited are at your disposal to facilitate meetings with retailers, distributors, sommeliers, etc.... whose businesses are based in their cities.

Therefore, we invite Bordeaux wine estate representatives who come to the USA on trips organised by their commercial partners to request to meet with Commanderies located in cities where wine estate team members are staying or nearby.

Please find here attached the list of thirty three cities where Commanderies are located, with the name of the Maîtres of these, as well as their e-mail addresses. A map of the USA indicating the exact location of each Commanderie is also attached. Your members are invited to contact me for any questions they may have regarding this subject.

Thank you in advance for kindly passing on my request to your members in a spirit of promoting Bordeaux wines.

Yours sincerely,

Michel Venot
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The Grand Conseil's activities

“Bordeaux Fête le fleuve”: Skippers inducted during Bordeaux’s River Festival.



On Friday 2nd June 2017, as part of Bordeaux’s River Festival, the Grand Maître of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux, Francis Boutemy, presented Nathalie Criou and Yohann Richomme with the title of Honorary Representative of Bordeaux Wines, during the Skippers’ Evening, an event held in the reception rooms of Bordeaux’s City Hall.



General Meeting of the GCVB

On Friday 23rd June 2017, the Ordinary General Meeting of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux was held in presence of Allan Sichel, President of the Bordeaux Wine Trade Council (CIVB), members of the Privy Council of the GCVB, the Grands Maîtres, the Bordeaux wine brotherhoods and the Territorial Grands Maîtres (Angus Smith, Territorial Grand Maître of the Commanderies in the USA; Paul Chedgy, TGM of the Commanderies in Great Britain, Peter Baumgardt, TGM of the Commanderies in Germany; Friedrich Strunkman Meister, TGM of the Commanderies in Austria; Christian Schmid, TGM of the Commanderies in Switzerland, Sergey Avdeev, TGM of the Commanderies in Russia and Daniel de Busturia, TGM of the Commanderies in Spain). A new member joins the Privy Council of the GCVB, Nathalie Escuredo, Maître of the Ordre des Vignerons de Bordeaux - Bordeaux Supérieur. She was elected unanimously. The Grand Conseil’s new Board will be appointed during the Privy Council to be held on 4th September 2017.

The GCVB in Salzburg

On Saturday 25th March 2017, the Grand Maître of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux travelled to Salzburg to induct the Maître of the Commanderie, Mrs Mag. Waltraud Wöhrer, a ceremony at which the Bordeaux Commanderies of Vienna and Munich were also present.

The GCVB in Oslo

On Wednesday 26th April 2017, the Bordeaux Commanderie in Oslo celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the Østmarkseteren Restaurant. Francis Boutemy chaired this ceremony and dinner alongside the Maître of the Oslo Commanderie, Bjørn Normann Hansen. Also present at this event were Véronique Sanders, from Château Haut-Bailly, Véronique Dausse, from Château Phélan Segur, Rémi Edange., from Domaine de Chevalier and Didier Galhaud, from Château Guiraud.



The GCVB in Saigon

It was a great success for the 1st anniversary of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Saigon celebrated on 18th May 2017 at the Park Hyatt Hotel in presence of Francis Boutemy, Grand Maître of the GCVB. 130 people attended the Gala Dinner, during which 4 members were inducted, bringing to 25 the total number of Bordeaux Commandeurs in Saigon.



The GCVB in Washington – Board of Governors

The 60th anniversary of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Washington was celebrated during the Board of US Governors' meeting held from Thursday 8th to Saturday 10th June 2017 in Washington. The programme was intensive, beginning on Thursday with an evening of inductions, followed by a Gala Dinner at the High Court of the United States. The next day in the evening, another dinner was held at Belgian Ambassador's residence in Washington. During the US Board at meeting at the Sofitel Hotel, Jim Marlas, President of the Committee, expressed his gratitude to Bud Pessin, who has been Maître of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Saint-Louis for the past 15 years and approved the appointment of Alvin Wolff as new Maître of the Saint-Louis Commanderie.

Michael Masinter, Maître of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Atlanta for 24 years and member of the Board of Governors for the past 34 years, was presented with the lifetime title of Emeritus Governor!

The Board of Governors recommends the project of opening a new Bordeaux Commanderie at Newport Beach.

Angus Smith, Grand Maître of the Bordeaux Commanderies in the USA since 2001 announced a few months previously his intention to hand over his role in 2018. The Board of Governors therefore appointed the future Grand Maître. Eric Vogt was elected by secret ballot and will take over from Angus Smith. He will take up his new post at the forthcoming meeting of the Board of US Governors scheduled from 18th to 20th January 2018 at Palm Beach.

The Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux was represented at this occasion by Hubert de Bouïard, Former President and Vice Maître of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux.

The GCVB in Japan

On Saturday 20 May, the Grand Maître of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux attended the Bordeaux Commanderies in Japan held at Esquisse in Tokyo. The Bordeaux Commanderies of Tokyo, Fukuoka, Osaka, Sapporo and Nagoya successively their annual reports in the presence of Reiko Otsuka, CIVB consultant.

News from the Bordeaux Commanderies

Commanderie de Bordeaux in South Africa

On 30th March the South African chapitre of the Commanderie de Bordeaux held its *Ban des Vendanges* while wine makers were still in the midst of their red wine harvest.

For this auspicious occasion some 50 members turned out to the event held at Nitida Wine Estate.

Maitre Winifred Bowman proceeded to the intronisation of three new members.

After the intronisation, the new Commandeurs joined their colleagues to experience some Bordeaux red and white wines before sitting down to a delicious meal prepared by Nitida's restaurant



Bordeaux Commanderie in Quebec

At the beginning of May, the Bordeaux Commanderie in Quebec expanded! Its Grand Maître, Céline Saucier inducted 4 new members. The ceremony and dinner were held at the Relais & Châteaux Restaurant L'Initiale.



Commanderie de Bordeaux in Saigon

On 16th June 2017, the Commanderie took part in the Eurosphere Show 2017 (more than 50 exhibitors from 15 different countries), at which it presented a stand for tasting Bordeaux wines. The Grand Conseil provided backing for this marvellous initiative from the Maître of the Bordeaux Commanderie in Saigon. Alain Cany gave a hundred samples of Bordeaux wines thanks to the generosity of the Bordeaux wine brotherhoods. The Commanderie's tasting stand was a huge success with visitors who came to this exhibition.



News from the Wine Brotherhoods, Management Organisations and wine associations

Connétablie de Guyenne

On Saturday 11th February 2017, the Grand Federal Meeting of the Connétablies de Guyenne (Blaye, Bourg, Graves de Vayres, Ières Côtes de Bordeaux and Entre-Deux-Mers) took place and was followed by a visit of Château de Vayres and a tasting of the Connétablies' Fine Wines. This event was concluded by dinner held at Château Pichon Bellevue in Vayres.



Commanderie du Bontemps Médoc & Graves Sauternes & Barsac

On Wednesday 5th April 2017, the Commanderie du Bontemps held its traditional party, the "Ban du Millésime" (vintage declaration) at the CAPC modern art museum in Bordeaux. Bordeaux wine trade firms, brokers and wine estates of the Commanderie du Bontemps invited approximately 650 professionals from the wine world who came from all corners of the world. A menu relished by one and all, concocted by Tanguy Laviale, chef at the Garopailles Restaurant in Bordeaux...all the ingredients brought together to fully enjoy an excellent evening.



Connétablie de Guyenne en Côtes de Bourg

On Sunday 30th April 2017, the Connétablie de Guyenne en Côtes de Bourg held its Springtime induction ceremony and reception. The Wine Brotherhoods were welcomed in the new foyer of the Bourg Wine House, and then made their ceremonial parade to the church. Didier Meneuvrier, Grand Maître of the Connétablie en Côtes de Bourg carried out the inductions. The ceremony took place at the Citadel and was followed by a lunch reception attended by numerous colleagues, as well as Hubert Burnereau, Vice Grand Maître of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux.

Jurade de Saint-Emilion

The traditional Saint-Emilion Jurade's Spring Festival was held on Saturday 17th June, the eve of the inauguration of Vinexpo.

In the magnificent setting of the Palais Cardinal moat, 50 new celebrities were inducted to join the host of Saint-Emilion ambassadors.

The guests then followed the procession of *Jurats* through the streets of Saint-Emilion to Château Clos Fourtet, where they were welcomed by a guard of honour.

The menu was devised by the three Saint-Emilion starred chefs: Alexandre Baumard, one Michelin star at Logis de la Cadène, David Charrier, one Michelin star at Belles Perdrix de Troplong Mondot and Ronan Kervarrec 2 Michelin stars at Hostellerie de Plaisance. It was acclaimed by the 900 diners, who had come specially for the occasion. 11 outstanding Saint-Emilion, Saint-Emilion Grand Cru, Lussac Saint-Emilion and Puisseguin Saint-Emilion wines were served to match the dishes prepared by the all-star chefs.



Fête de la Fleur

On Wednesday 21st June 2017 Château Malartic-Lagravière, Graves Classified Growth, hosted the traditional and prestigious “Fête de la Fleur”, marking the end of Vinexpo Bordeaux 2017. This party organised by the Commanderie du Bontemps was also the occasion to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the arrival of the Bonnie family at the head of this Domain. More than 1 500 guests gathered to savour dishes created by Yannick Alleno.



News from the winegrowing area

2016 Vintage by Dany Rolland

2016 : The unlikely scenario

“The wildest imagination is far less inventive than fate.” Claude Aveline

Who, at the end of the month of May, would have gambled a cent on this vintage, after record levels of rainfall?

Who has ever known a summer in Bordeaux without a drop of rain?

An unprecedented weather script and a thrilling performance...

Nature, you will always amaze us.

Synopsis (and scans):

January and February are mild and excessively rainy months.

March and April too; the vine grows slowly.

May is still damp and June even more so. Between 600 and 700 mm of rainfall was recorded in the first six months of the year (twice the quantity of a normal year).

The first flowers appear at the end of May, in a situation conducive to flower abortion, but a window of fine weather encourages good pollination. At the same time, mildew attacks ferociously and gives winegrowers cold sweats as they try to suppress it; considerable damage is caused. At this precise moment, nobody is willing to put much money on this vintage that threatens to be a late one too, with all the uncertainties that involves.

Then comes the long-awaited sun on 18th June (history cannot be invented). Summer settles with pleasant temperatures, rather cool nights, with the exception of 2 or 3 hotter days in July and in August too, but certainly not a heatwave. It is the driest summer period in Bordeaux ever seen since weather records have existed. As superb as vines may have looked at the end of July, by the end of August the drought situation could lead to halts in development, particularly for young vines, due to hydrous stress. Winegrowers start to worry again. Veraison is slow, it is feared that vines are suffering, but overall they seem to withstand these exceptional conditions well thanks to water accumulated during the first half of the year.

September begins, still dry and then on 13th and 14th of the month, 30 to 40 mm of rain falls with

absolutely perfect timing, thus releasing the halt in development and allowing ripening of the grapes to continue.

The winegrowing region is healthy overall, cool nights protect the vines from any attack from botrytis. We knew we were late, but felt confident.

And so the harvests began, with no stress, but they will certainly be the longest in history, gathered in plot by plot, with several stages of sorting and selection that has never been so efficient.

Marvellous ripeness for grape skins' tannins and seeds, for taste, with distinct acidity thanks to the cool nights of autumn. But a low amount of malic acid was the main feature of red grapes, both for Merlots, and for Cabernets, giving more juice than any forecast had hoped for and with comfortable sugar contents, despite the earlier halt in development.

Everything was there, before and after fermentation: superb balance between alcohol and acidity as a result of the exceptional amount of sunshine which characterises the greatest vintages, without it being a truly solar vintage.

White grapes are also of very good aromatic quality, showing no vegetal hints.

After running-off the wine, we have confirmation of these predictive signs: red wines offer remarkable potential, for which it is difficult to find a comparison however, but in a style closer to 2010 than 2009, more like 1945 than 1947 and resembling only 2016! It is undoubtedly unique, due to the extremes of its weather conditions.

An unprecedented vintage? Certainly, in living memory for its weather conditions and for technical progress and applications. An exceptional vintage? Definitely and to the bottom of the glass. But it is you who will write the future of this vintage by tasting this wine when it is young or when it is older.

We have simply recounted to you a wonderful moment in the life of winegrowers and winemakers, rather like child-bearing, full of unexpected developments and in the end serenity and pride at the arrival of the newest-born in this superb trilogy we have in store.

Dany Rolland

Devastating frost hits the Bordeaux winegrowing area

After a first incident on 21st and 22nd April 2017, a second spell of frost of an extraordinary extent hit the winegrowing area once again during the nights of 26th and 27th April 2017 and no area was spared. So many plots of vineyards are affected. It is the biggest disaster feared since the last disastrous spell of frost that wreaked havoc in the winegrowing area on 21st April 1991. Many other sectors of activity are also affected, such as arboriculture, vegetable crops and arable farming. The quantity of the grape harvest in 2017 will be very low in the Gironde and will undoubtedly vary from one sector to another.

"It was such a severe spell of frost of an extent unseen for the past 25 years that hit our winegrowing area. 80% of our vines have been affected and it is likely that we have lost approximately 50% of our total production. At present our task is to set up measures which will give a small glimmer of hope to our winegrowers.

I am wholly committed to doing this" stated Hervé Grandeau, President of the Fédération des Grands Vin de Bordeaux.

From the north to the south of the region, the same devastation can be observed. Entire plots of some vineyards have been destroyed by frost... vines' leaves and shoots are grey and lifeless, but then at times some sectors have been miraculously sparedstretches of vines totally burned by frost and others almost untouched or with just the tips of buds impacted. It is a grim appraisal. Damage will be assessed over the next few days, but at this stage it is possible to say that the overall quantity of the 2017 grape harvest will show a sharp decrease.

Last minute – 23rd August 2017

The Harvests are starting early this year in 2017. White grape harvests begin at the end of the month of August. Grapes for red wine will be gathered afterwards and on average 8 to 15 days earlier than in a normal year.

Grapes that were spared by the devastating spell of frost last April are now fine and healthy, allowing us to hope for a good quality harvest.

An initial assessment: 75% of the winegrowing area impacted

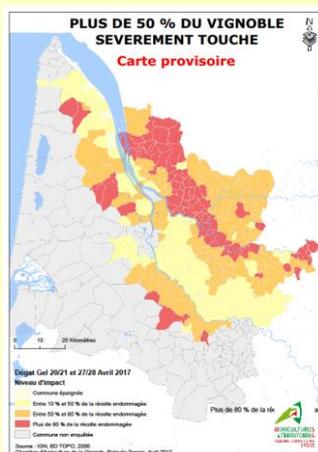
Médoc: half of all vineyards have been hit significantly. Inland areas were impacted severely, whereas plots along the edge of Gironde River seem to have been spared, except in lower-lying parts. Southern-Médoc has been particularly affected: in numerous sectors the damage is as much as 80%, even 100%.

Haute-Gironde (Bourg-Blaye): these sectors were particularly affected, as they have accumulated damage as a result of two consecutive frost incidents. More than 50% of the winegrowing area has been severely hit in the whole sector.

Libourne area: struck severely in the Dordogne Valley and the northern Libourne area, lower-lying parts of Saint-Emilion, the surrounding appellations, the Fronsac area. In the whole sector, numerous plots of vineyards were struck by as much as 80% to 100%. However, areas located around the villages of Montagne and Saint-Christophe des Barde were spared.

Entre Deux Mers: more than 50% of vines severely affected, with considerable variations from one village or wine estate to another. Frost spared vines growing on plateaus or hillsides.

Graves-Sauternes area: Pessac-Léognan, Graves and Sauternes were hit severely by this frost spell; in the Sauternes appellation, many plots of vineyards were completely destroyed. In the rest of the Garonne Valley, a large number of vineyard plots were affected by as much as 50%. For the majority, the entire grape crop has been lost.



Graves Pessac Léognan



2017! The 30th anniversary of the Appellation! 2017! A new President for the Pessac-Léognan Appellation! Philibert PERRIN is the new President of the Pessac-Léognan Wine Syndicate.



Philibert PERRIN was born in 1970 in Bordeaux to a family of winegrowers established since 1956 at Château Carbonnieux. Since 1993, he has contributed to the development of the family's business activities.

He is now joint-owner of Château Carbonnieux with his family and owner of Château Lafont-Menaut in Pessac-Léognan. He was Secretary General of the Pessac-Léognan Wine Syndicate since June 2009.

Appointed as President of the Pessac-Léognan Wine Syndicate on 4th May 2017, Philibert PERRIN now takes over from Laurent COGOMBLES, who devoted the past 12 years to the role of President of this Syndicate.

The new President made it clear that he wants his input to contribute to ensuring the influence and prestige of the Pessac-Léognan Appellation in France, in Europe and around the world.

This young Appellation continues, with the commitment of its estate owners in highlighting its history, winegrowing area and family values, to promote its proximity among wine enthusiasts and wine professionals.

The communal Appellation Pessac-Léognan was established in 1987. With wine estates located within 10 municipalities in close proximity to the city of Bordeaux, the Pessac-Léognan Appellation is the place of origin for Bordeaux's Fine Wines. It comprises more than 1 750 hectares producing wine and counts a total of 72 Châteaux and Domains. They are all situated upon the same exceptional terroir; 14 are Graves Classified Growths, including the legendary Château Haut-Brion. The special feature of the Pessac-Léognan Appellation is that it produces both dry white wines and red wines.

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The Medoc

Château Arzac celebrates 30 Years of Art with the artist Arne Quinze.

On Tuesday 24th April 2017, Philippe and Céline Raoux, owners of Château d'Arzac for the past 30 years, inaugurated the 30th work of art in the Garden of Sculptures, "Stilthouse", in presence of the artist Arne Quinze.



A hundred guests (professionals, wine & modern art journalists, representatives of institutions) were able to discover Arne Quinze's work of art and the incredible Garden of Sculptures.



Philippe Raoux et Stephan Delaux, deputies at Bordeaux City Hall, gave a reminder about the importance of initiatives concerning culture and art in the Bordeaux region and the very special vitality that links wine and modern art at Château d'Arzac.

When **Philippe Raoux** made the acquisition of **Château d'Arzac** in 1986, the domain was in escheat. His priority was to re-establish the vineyard, which now covers a total of 112 hectares in one piece of land. Subsequently, he dealt with the renovation of the buildings, opting for a decidedly modern style: steel, wood, glass roof, vat house in stainless steel enhanced by Klein blue... This bold refurbishment thrust Arzac into modernity and made it one of the Médoc's most unusual wine estates.

A very well-known property, Château d'Arzac is also a place that is open to **artistic creation**. Every year since 1992, the domain has bought a **work of art produced by a major modern artist**. Its Garden of Sculptures now groups together one of France's most prolific and personal collections of contemporary art.

Mark di Suvero, Bernar Venet, Susumu Shingu, Niki de Saint Phalle, Jan Fabre, Jean-Pierre Raynaud, Jean-Michel Folon, Erro, Bernard Pagès, Christian Lapie, Rotraut Klein, Claude Viallat, Jim Dine, Thomas Reiss, César, William Sweetlove, Zebra 3, Zhang Dali

Right Bank

Libourne fête le Vin

On Friday 23rd June 2017, the 2nd event of the Libourne wine festival, "Libourne Fête le vin", officially began with a procession of the wine brotherhoods and the Territorial Grands Maîtres with the patronage of the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux.



The Spanish town of Logroño, twinned with Libourne, was the festival's guest of honour. Concepcion Gamarra Ruiz Clavijo, Mayor of Logrono (in the Rioja region) and Jean-Marc Offner, Managing Director of Urba, were inducted by the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux.



Sunday 25th June 2017

Still as part of Libourne's wine festival, there was an exceptional appearance from **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, Hollywood film star and former Governor of the State of California in the USA.



On stage, in front of an audience of a thousand spectators who came to cheer him, he donned the red and yellow cape of the Grand Conseil and was presented with the title of Honorary Representative of Bordeaux wines. His trip to France was also an opportunity to remind us of his commitment to ecology, as the effects of climate change are beginning to be felt in the Bordeaux winegrowing area.



On Friday 23rd June, Arnold Schwarzenegger had a meeting with Mr Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic, to discuss ecological issues.

NEWSFLASH FROM THE CIVB



Bordeaux wines Promotion

UNITED KINGDOM

Wine Society: in August and September a range of white, rosé and red Bordeaux wines will be on special offer

Virgin Wines: in September, Bordeaux wines will be highlighted (online and telesales special offers), as well as on 27th and 28th

October (wine tasting events for consumers)

Laithwaites: from May to December 2017, Bordeaux wines will be given special promotion

“Bordeaux Fête le Vin” around the world in 2017

International events of “Bordeaux Fête le Vin” presented in:

Quebec from 31st Aug to 3rd September

Brussels from 7th to 10th September

Hong Kong from 26th to 29th October

“Bordeaux Fête le Vin 2018” welcomes the Tall Ships Regatta

From Thursday 14th to Monday 18th June 2018, “Bordeaux Fête le Vin” will celebrate its 20th anniversary and will host the prestigious arrival of the “Tall Ships Regatta”. This race will bring together some of the world's finest and largest sailing boats for a regatta that will take them from Liverpool to Dublin and then to Bordeaux.



SAVE THE DATES

Meeting of the Maîtres of Commanderies to be held in Bordeaux on Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd June 2018.

“To share ideas and experiences”... the Grand Conseil du Vin de Bordeaux after 60 years of existence

Themes:

- Bordeaux in 2018
- Bordeaux's image around the world
- A Commanderie: its purpose, its functioning, its role and its development.