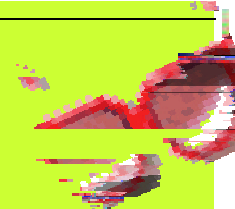


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Editorial :

For several years now we have noticed a slowing-down of tourist activity in the early part of the season in favour of August and September.

Again this year we have seen the same tendency. On the other hand we have also noticed that many estates in the Chablis region close their doors in August, as it is the quietest month in the vineyards and the cellars.

French and foreign visitors alike then often find themselves shut out in August, which does not encourage them to try again.

Certainly the Tourist Office is trying to promote a number of activities in the vineyards but many producers are not participating in this effort...

As far as we are concerned, the Domaine Alain GEOFFROY will be delighted to welcome you to visit our cellars and taste the 2000 vintage at any time throughout the summer.

Nathalie Geoffroy

Medals

GOLD :

Chablis 1er Cru Beuroy 99
- Concours des Caves Particulières 2000
- Élu Burgondia d'Or Mercurey 2000
- Master d'or Concours Général Européen des Masters d'Or 2001

Chablis 1er cru Vau-Ligneau 99
Élu Burgondia d'Or Mercurey 2000

SILVER :

Chablis 1er cru Beuroy 99
Concours Général Agricole Paris 2001
Chablis Domaine Le Verger 00
Concours des Caves Particulières 2001

BRONZE :

Chablis Vieilles Vignes 00
Foire nationale des vins - Macon 2001

RECOMMENDED :

Chablis 1er Cru Beuroy 00
International Wine Challenge 2001

Vinexpo 2001

We noticed a large number of foreign visitors to the salon but some lack of enthusiasm for French wines. The strong presence of New World wines is certainly a factor in this. We are realizing at the beginning of the 3rd millennium that the quality of the red and white wines from these countries is tending to call into question the appearance, style and character of some French wines of modest origin. These technologically perfect wines, for which no notion of "soil" exists, seem to appeal to present-day wine-drinkers!

Wine of the month: Chablis 1er Cru Vau-Ligneau 2000

This is the ideal time to discover, or rediscover, this delicious Chablis Premier Cru Vau-Ligneau 2000. Under its pale gold robe and green reflections, brilliant and clear, Chablis 1er Cru Vau-Ligneau has a rich nose and fine mouth. The nose is very fresh, finely marked with fruits, characteristic of our 2000 vintage. The

mouth perfectly expresses its rigour and charm, while the fine vegetal and the floral set off delicate fruity and vanilla notes. Served at 12 °, it has a long finish, and is the perfect companion for a *fricassée* of whelks, a shoulder of lamb marinated in Chablis, or skate wings with *beurre noisette*...

San Francisco 2001

In May of this year, Cathy Geoffroy crossed the Atlantic to defend the colours of our fine appellation. Our presence at the World Wine Market in San Francisco enabled us to gain a foothold in this market, which is strongly dominated by the big Burgundy wine merchants, and to show off the skills of small estates such as ours.

Down among the vines: Flowering is late

The beginning of June was rather cool and rainy. Average temperatures, below normal for the season, caused a delay in flowering, which we observed to be 10 or 12 days later than in preceding years. A few weeks later we observed that the blossom drop, and now the growth of fruit have returned to normal patterns.

Investment

Always on the lookout for ways to improve quality, the estate has invested in a new SUTTER pneumatic press. It is manufactured in Switzerland and has a very large drainage surface, which will enable us to minimise handling of the grapes, thus obtaining the finest juice possible for the 2001 harvest.

A summer of Major Works

Since the beginning of June work has been underway on the enlargement of our buildings. Indeed this work, which had been planned for several months, is now beginning to take shape.

The new storage building, with ground surface of 600 m², will be equipped on the upper floor with a 300 m² room, having a panoramic view of the Chablis vineyards, and capable of receiving groups of 150 people. We estimate that the first stage of the work will be completed in time for the new harvest in 2001. And the reception room will be fully functional at the beginning of next year. We will be sure to keep you fully up to date on the progress of the work, and look forward to your next visit.

