



*Commanderie du Bontemps*  
MEDOC - GRAVES - SAUTERNES - BARSAC

## COMMANDERIE DU BONTEMPS CELEBRATES 70 YEARS OF FRENCH EXCELLENCE



First Gala Dinner at the Eiffel Tower in 1950

In 2020, Commanderie du Bontemps, Médoc, Graves, Sauternes et Barsac, one of the oldest and largest winegrowing brotherhoods, celebrates 70 years of promoting the great wines of the Bordeaux's left bank.

For 70 years, the Commanderie has striven to highlight its marvellous historic estates, and to build the worldwide reputation of their wines, which are a central theme in the story of Bordeaux and French culture.

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations will begin on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 with an exclusive gala dinner in the Gallery of Great Battles in the Château de Versailles. This event will host 650 international guests and will be an amazing opportunity to spotlight French culture, heritage and expertise.

It will also pay tribute to the Commanderie's founders, who organised their very first dinner under the Eiffel Tower in 1950. At the same time they were received at the Palais de l' Elysée to induct their first Commandeur of Honour, the then state French President Vincent Auriol.

Since then, more than 40,000 celebrities have been honoured all over the world, including politicians, artists and even crowned heads. Year after year, the brotherhood perpetuates its values of generosity, friendship and openness on the world.

The Commanderie induction ceremony contains the assertion "Everywhere and before anyone", declaring how it represents, celebrates and defends not only wine, but all the values that are closely related as well: **friendship, fine living and loyalty to the terroir.**



Inductions Ceremony



the wine serving



Gala Dinner

## Commanderie du Bontemps 2020 events diary

As well as this dinner, Commanderie du Bontemps du Médoc, des Graves, Sauternes et Barsac organises various important events that mark the vine and great Bordeaux wine calendar:

- Saint-Vincent's Day on 12<sup>th</sup> January in Léognan
- the Ban du Millesime (vintage proclamation) on 1<sup>st</sup> April at Hangar 14 on the Bordeaux quayside
- The Hong Kong Gala Dinner on 26<sup>th</sup> May
- The final of the Left Bank Bordeaux Cup on 12<sup>th</sup> June at Château Lafite-Rothschild
- Fête de la Fleur on 19<sup>th</sup> June in Bordeaux's Jardin Public

## SOME KEY FIGURES

**300** members

**40,000** celebrities inducted

**90,000** bottles in the cellars

**16,000** bottles tasted per year

**300** celebrations organised since its foundation

**80** universities and elite schools from all over the world have contested the Left Bank Bordeaux Cup



Fête de la Fleur organised by La Commanderie du Bontemps ©La Commanderie du Bontemps

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