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To our dear clients, both near and far,

Your Gratiot-Pillière family is happy to share with you our news of this first semester of 2025.

2025, an early harvest!

2025 looks like the ideal year in the Champagne vineyard. The keys to an excellent vintage are gathered: plenty of water accumulated in the soils during 2024, a spring without frost, and radiant weather in June and July.

Nevertheless, the final stretch – the period of sugar enrichment throughout the month of August will need to unfold flawlessly, with abundant sunshine accompanied by light and regular rainfall.

As in 2003, 2007, 2015, 2018, 2020, and 2022, the harvest is expected to begin at the end of August. This phenomenon, never seen in Champagne in the last century, has now become a recurring occurrence in the vineyard. In those years, great Vintage Cuvées were produced.





The end of white glass bottles for our Rosé

When COVID restrictions eased in 2021, glassmakers struggled to keep pace with the surging demand from Champagne producers. The rebound after a sluggish 2020, compounded by raw material shortages and skyrocketing energy costs, created the perfect storm.

In response, suppliers of Champagne bottles made a bold choice: to discontinue the production of white glass, notorious for its heavy energy consumption and poor environmental footprint.

Our Rosé Champagne from the 2022 harvest has therefore been bottled in green glass. Under this tint, the rosé develops subtle copper highlights, lending the wine an added sense of warmth and elegance. Released just a few weeks ago, it represents not only a fresh chapter in presentation but also a small, meaningful step toward sustainability.

Our father has left us too

On June 13, our father and grandfather, Jean-Claude, joined our mother and grandmother, Françoise. The two founding pillars of Maison GRATIOT-PILLIÈRE are reunited once more, to continue the path together. From above, we imagine them watching over us with tenderness — over their vines, the house they built with such passion, and over each of their grandchildren, whom they loved deeply and equally. Their presence remains vivid, discreet yet precious, in every gesture and every memory.

A great chapter in the history of Maison GRATIOT-PILLIÈRE has just closed. But the book itself is far from finished.

It is now up to us to carry this work forward, with the same high standards, the same passion, and the same values they instilled in us.

It is also our responsibility to prepare the future, so that the 12th generation may in turn take up the pen — with dignity and commitment — to write the next pages of this family adventure.



"Papa, Grandpa, we are deeply saddened, but we know you are now at peace beside Mama. We, your children and grandchildren, can never thank you enough for everything you gave us throughout our lives. We hold you both close in our hearts."

Our next ESCAPADE in our vineyards

Following the memorable editions of 2019 and 2022, our next ESCAPADE among the vines is ready to welcome you.



Saturday, September 20th

Enjoy a 6 km stroll through the heart of our vineyards in the afternoon, then share in a festive evening at the estate — a moment of conviviality, fine champagnes, and celebration.

Price: €55 per guest (limited availability)

The full program will be revealed as from August 20th.

For reservations and information: Please contact Delphine or Mathys

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Sparkling greetings,

Olivier & Sébastien

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