

Les nouvelles de fin d'année à CARBONNEAU



It's that time of year again when autumn colours abound and yet still never fail to impress. The winery is full of wine and the tourist season is quietly coming to a close. It's also time to get in touch with all our friends far and wide especially

We also inaugurated our latest project which kept us very busy this year and partly responsible for our 'radio silence'. The Glass House, which has been open for the last three years serving mostly cakes and tea, has now been completely

were delighted to have both tourists in the area and our friends and neighbours come and enjoy lunch or a light dinner in the evening. Our guests especially enjoyed being able to spend the day at Carbonneau without having to take the car. We also hosted cocktail parties around our wine and hope next year to attract weekend seminars and hold music evenings.



All of this wouldn't have been possible without a fantastic team and Wilfrid had to cope with all girls this year -

as we've been a little silent over the last year.

This year marks our 25th year at Carbonneau. 25 years since we arrived from New Zealand, three small children in tow, to take on what can only be described as a challenge. Slightly naïve but full of energy we've managed to drag Carbonneau into the 21st Century and we were very proud to celebrate this with friends in September this year. For the occasion we organised a reception and inducted Alan Snudden from the General Wine Company in the UK and our French wine broker, Eric Echaudemaison. Pierre also organised a vertical tasting of our wines from 1996 to 2016 which rather stole the show.

renovated and we are open from midday to 9pm serving country platters accompanied of course by our wines.

It is open to the general public and we





Camille, Rosie, Susan and Tamara. It goes without saying that things were very efficiently and well done!

On the wine side, we can count ourselves amongst the lucky ones as a late frost at the end of April knocked out nearly 50% of the Bordeaux crop. We were unaffected and 2017 will be very good quality and in plentiful supply following on from two excellent vintages. Our Verrière 2015 was given one star in the Guide Hachette and the Sequoia 2015 was also mentioned. The exciting

news this year is the arrival of our first bubbles, Life of Carbonneau. 100% semillion, aged in bottles for 9 months and with a quirky packaging this elegant, well balanced wine is a must for Xmas.

For those of you in the UK don't hesitate to contact The General Wine Company (the details are on our web site) for your Xmas order. For our other European friends its best to contact Wilfrid directly at carbonneau.wine@orange.fr. Looking forward to seeing you next year and enjoy the festive season.



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