



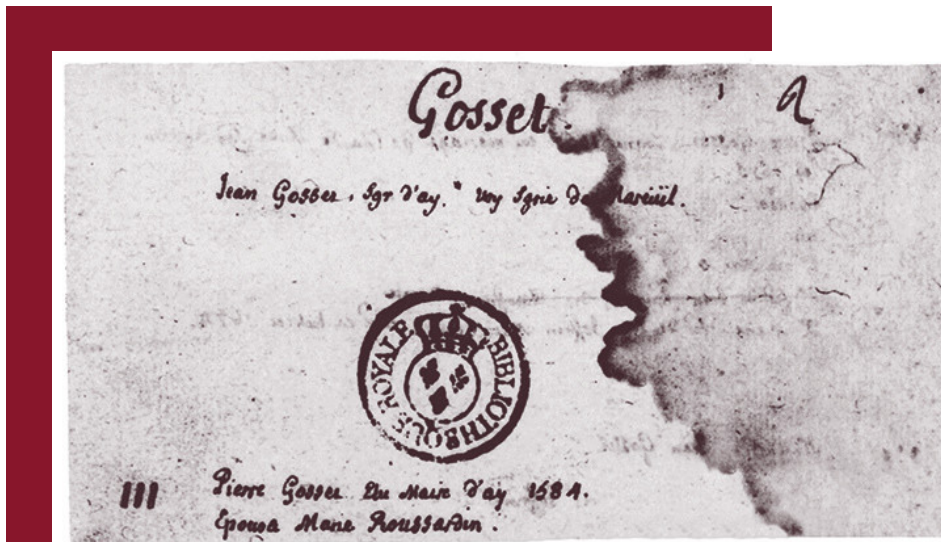
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PROTECTING AND PASSING ON
FRENCH SAVOIR-FAIRE
AND HERITAGE



Antoine Gosset

On Monday, 14 September, Champagne Gosset presented the 31st Trophée Gosset to **ANTOINE GOSSET**, the last member of the family to head the company. With this award, the oldest Wine House in Champagne pays tribute to a career that embodies a dedication to preserving heritage and a centuries-old tradition of passing down family savoir-faire.



Passing on legacy:

AT THE HEART OF GOSSET'S IDENTITY

Historical records show that the Gosset family was already producing wine in the Champagne region in 1484, exactly one century before the Champagne House was founded. Since then, Champagne Gosset has remained guided by the same uncompromising standards: a pursuit of excellence and a commitment to preserving the exceptional know-how passed down through the generations. More than an expression of terroir, Champagne Gosset's wines embody a centuries-old heritage rooted in wine culture and gastronomy, a heritage that contributes to France's prestige around the world. This same spirit gave rise to the **TROPHÉE GOSSET**.

Created in 1995, true to Champagne Gosset's founding values, the Trophy was initially rooted in the world of gastronomy, recognising chefs and sommeliers whose dedication and talent represented the pinnacle of culinary excellence. From 1995 to 2011, it honoured leading figures in the culinary world, such as Anne-Sophie Pic, Yannick Alléno and Alain Passard.

While remaining true to this spirit, the Trophy gradually broadened its scope to recognise initiatives dedicated to training, the passing on of savoir-faire, and the preservation of heritage. This natural evolution led Champagne Gosset to reinvent the Trophy in 2021, extending it to individuals from many different fields (crafts, culture, conservation and design) committed to preserving and passing on our heritage, both tangible and intangible.

While the **TROPHÉE GOSSET** has evolved over the years, its vocation remains unchanged: to recognise those individuals who keep heritage alive and ensure it is passed on to future generations. In this spirit, Champagne Gosset and its Chairman, Jean-Pierre Cointreau, therefore wished to pay tribute to Antoine Gosset, the last member of the family to head the Champagne House. His life and career embody the continuity of a family history dating back to the Renaissance and a legacy that has carried the Gosset name across seven centuries.



Photo: Antoine and Albert Gosset

Born in 1948, Antoine Gosset represents the fourteenth generation of the Gosset family, whose history has been closely associated with Champagne winegrowing for more than four centuries. After graduating from the EDHEC Business School in Lille in 1971, he joined his father Albert's business, where he took on a range of commercial, administrative and management roles.

Following the death of his brother Étienne, managing director of Champagne Gosset, in 1983, Antoine joined the family Champagne House in Aÿ to carry on his brother's work. He became managing director and sales director for France and export markets and was the last member of the Gosset family at the helm of Champagne Gosset before the Cointreau family took over the company in 1993. Under his leadership, Champagne Gosset's sales doubled between 1983 and the end of his tenure. He also played a leading role in Champagne Gosset's public relations, helping to raise its international profile and reinforce its reputation for excellence. He subsequently took on a number of business turnaround assignments in the industrial and commercial sectors, several of which brought him back to the world of wines and spirits.

*« I've had several different jobs. Of these, two were true passions:
pleasure boats and Champagne. »*

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An award honouring a legacy

By honouring Antoine Gosset, Champagne Gosset is paying tribute not only to one man's career, but to a family history, an entrepreneurial spirit and a tradition of passing on a heritage that have shaped the identity of the oldest Wine House in Champagne for more than four centuries. The award also recognises all those generations whose work has helped build Champagne Gosset's reputation for excellence and raised the profile of its wines in France and around the world.

Today, this continuity is reflected in the recognition of Gosset's heritage, making it the only Wine House in Champagne to be both a member of Excellence Française and a recipient of the French government's Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant (living heritage company) label. Champagne Gosset is also part of the Coteaux, Maisons et Caves de Champagne inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



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