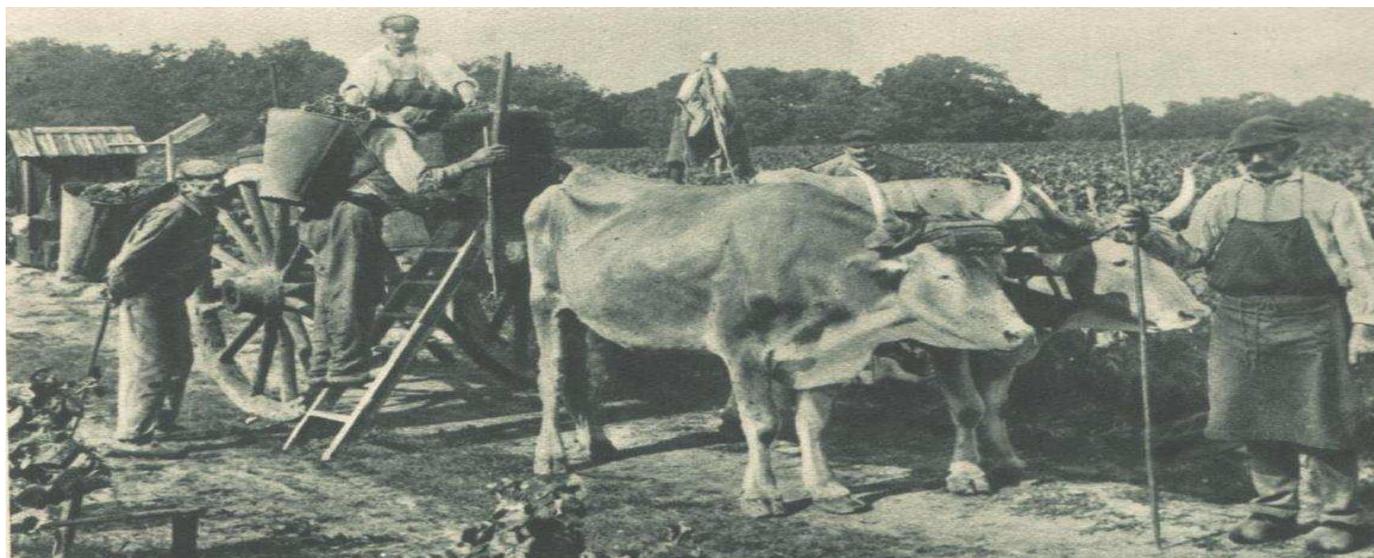


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SPRING 2009: Spring is very much underway as evidenced by this great showing of Tulips. This is the view looking through the park down towards the river Garonne. We are already experiencing dry conditions with plenty of daytime sunshine but along with this an elevated risk of late frost during the clear cool nights! Fingers crossed!



Back to the future in 2009!

As the world creaks on its financial axis many of our friends are talking about growing their own veggies in 2009. Whilst this is no doubt at least partially dark humour and partially true, it highlights that people are rediscovering how things are grown and what they are actually consuming. It really is a move back to the future which we are also seeing in viticulture. In our own commune of Cerons the annual festival is the 'Fete des Petit Pois' which dates back to the time when little peas, asparagus, potatoes and salads were all planted between the rows of vines as a valuable source of high quality food for everyone involved in the vineyard. As vigneron generally start to refocus more upon 'careful' growing practices it is interesting to see the rows of vines again starting to fill up with natural vegetation.

The EU for its part is ever shortening the list of chemical products that can be used in european vineyards. This trend will continue in the years ahead and there is no longer doubt that tougher environmental standards are increasingly demanded by consumers around the world as more and more people want to know about what goes on behind the scenes. In the context of the vineyard this is more deeply centred the concept of "sustainability" - simply putting back into the vineyard what you have taken out!. For our own part at Du Seuil, our philosophy has always been to use minimal intervention in the vineyard, applying only organic fertilisers and avoiding the use of pesticides and herbicides. In 2009 we are taking another big step by starting the three year conversion to achieve ECOCERT.

Tales from the vines! "Benji knows when to pick"

It is a strange relationship between dogs and vineyards, indeed dogs seem to live at every vineyard around the world. Ask yourself is this by chance or by design? Certainly, grapes don't need to be herded from one paddock to another so what purpose do "les chiens" really perform. At the risk of being taken away by the men in the white coats - we can recount that we have witnessed our dog Benji being an

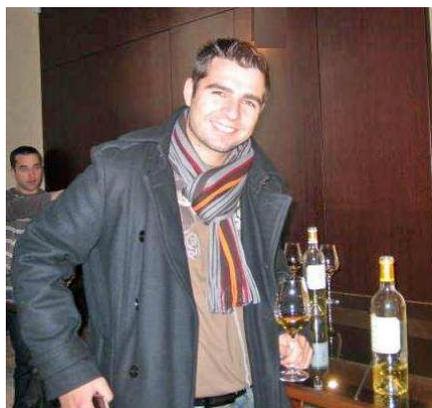


excellent judge of when our red grapes are at full maturity. He will stroll up to a vine and actually start selecting individual grapes for consumption. Is he choosing based on his superior smelling abilities? Is it the sugar or colour that is basis of his selection or is this just another shaggy dog story?



New Maitre de Chai

Julien Galland joined us late last year as our new Maitre de Chai. Julien will be working with Nicky on all aspects of wine production. Additionally, he has taken over all day to day responsibilities for the activities and planning in the vineyard. Julien joins us from Chateau Lafaurie - Peyraguey 1er cru classé Sauternes where he was vineyard manager. An enthusiastic vigneron, Julien will be spearheading our ECOCERT project in 2009.



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WINNER "TROPHEE DES CRUS DES GRAVES"

We are very pleased to announce our success in the annual "Trophee Des Crus Des Graves". This is a competition in which all wines produced in the Graves appellation are submitted for judging! Our **Chateau du Seuil Graves Blanc 2007** picked up the top prize as it was voted the best Graves White from the 2007 Vintage! It was generally considered after the tasting, that 2007 was indeed an exceptional year for Graves Whites with the cooler summer and low yields assisting with the freshness of flavour. The classic 'minerality' was also clearly in evidence.

Additionally, We picked up a total of six Silver medals in Europe's leading wine competition. The top two scoring wines amongst our entrants were the Chateau du Seuil 2006 Cérons (late harvest sweetie) from the 2006 vintage and the Chateau du Seuil Graves Blanc 2007.

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Bon courage pour la suite et bonne continuation!

Our message for the quarter, not surprisingly!, is focus upon the good things in life like fine food and wine and forget about the "la crise" and the host of economic ailments ...in the words of the famous John Pierpont Morgan (over 100 years ago) "the outlook for the stockmarket is that it will continue to be volatile".... If you have any questions or if would like further information about us or our wines, please contact us at **+(33) 5 56 27 11 56** or email nicola@chateauduseuil.com.

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