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Excerpts of the interview, « 50 portraits of well known Enologists of the last 50 years »

Career: The Milestones

- 1982 Master's degree in Enology (Bordeaux)
- 1983 Degree in science and technology of wine and viticulture (Bordeaux)
- 1984 Degree in Vine Biology, Pedology (soil science) and Ampelography
- 1984-1992 Visiting lecturer for IIVS (International Institute of Wine and Spirits), Chamber of Commerce - Bordeaux
- 1986 PhD in Enology (Bordeaux)
- 1986-1988 Training program in Business, Management and Marketing, IAE (Institute of Business Administration), Chamber of Commerce - Bordeaux
- 1986-1990 Editor of special issues of the trade magazine for Enologists, "*Connaissance de la Vigne et du Vin*": *Closures, Packaging and Viticulture* (in collaboration with J. Bouard)
- 1987-1990 Research and Development for the firm LAFFORT, on Yeasts (in collaboration with D. Dubourdieu). Additional research on Bacteria, and Enzymes in partnership with Novozymes.
- Since 1988 Lecturer for the DUAD (University Winetasting Diploma) and other courses in continuous education at the ISVV (Institute of Wine and Vine Sciences).
- Since 1989 Consultant in Enology and Viticulture in Bordeaux, France and worldwide: Spain, Italy, South America, Lebanon, Georgia...
- Since 1999 Wrote up technical specifications for the construction of wine cellars in Ysios/Spain; Selentia-Sta Helena,/Chili ; collaborated on specifications for Campo Viejo, Spain. Also participated in renovating old wine cellars in France and worldwide.
- 1999 Filed a patent in France and in Europe for filtration ; creation of a filter (awarded at Vinitech, 2002)
- 2002-2016 Various publications on clarification and filtration of wine (Review of Enology)
- 2003 Convention of Enologists, Meknes, Morocco : Talk on *Origins of the Vine and Wine in Spain*, in collaboration with J. Blouin
- 2004 Purchase in partnership of Château GRAND-MAISON, Côtes de Bourg. Managing Director of the estate since 2004
- 2004-2008 Consultant in Research and Development for the firm Lamothe-Abiet (yeasts, enzymes, alternative products and tannins); for Novozymes, the development of a specific enzyme for clarification and filtration
- 2007 Definition of a new measure of filterability of wine using a CC (clogging coefficient) and its CFLA application (Lamothe-Abiet Filtration Criteria)
- 2008 Carried out missions for the EEC (European Economic Community). Mission in Lebanon, for the UIVL. Continuing work as a consultant. Mission in Serbia
- Since 2010 Consultant in Enology and Viticulture in Georgia, using conventional winemaking techniques with native varieties (Saperavi, Krakhuna, Tsitska, Mtsvane, Tsolikouri...), and also using ancestral winemaking techniques known as Qvevri (buried clay jars)
- Since 2010 Activities in Quebec, Canada : Talks at the Association of Canadian Enologists on many topics (oxygen and wine, various winemaking techniques, clarification and stabilization...)
- 2011-2013 Consultant in South Africa (Distell Group)
- 2011-2015 Contract as a consultant for clarification and filtration with the CIVB (Bordeaux Wine Bureau), France AgriMer, The Gironde Chamber of Agriculture and the IFV (French Institute of Wine and the Vine)
- 2011-2015 Chief Commissioner for the CDV, Concours Des Vins, and Delegate General from 2012-2015
- 2012-2014 Speaker at technical seminars, School of Enology, Changins/Switzerland
- 2012 Creation of a universal winetasting glass for the CDV (Concours des Vins). Mission in Tunisia
- 2013-2014 Preparation of a project for the University of Taste, with Michel ONFRAY
- 2013-2016 Participation in technical conferences and collaboration with the University of Talca, Chili. Various talks and participation at technical conferences in Italy, Spain and Canada
- 2014 Publication of the book, Filtrations in Oenology (FERET Editions), in collaboration with Guy Guimberteau, with a preface by D. Dubourdieu. Publication of Practical Guide to the filtration of Wine (Vigne et Vin Editions), co-authored with Guy Guimberteau
- 2014 Drew up plans for structuring wine production in Quebec, Canada
- Since 2015 Consultant for certain well known Crus Classés. Speaker at WORLDSOM, specialized training program for international sommeliers
- 2015 Co-author of a collective book edited by Virginia Moine and Nicolas Vivas, *Enological and Auxiliary Products in Must and Wine* (FERET Editions)
- 2016 Consultant and Instructor at BORDEAUX SCIENCES AGRO (National Engineering School of Agronomy). Instructional Contributor at INSEEC (School of Business Administration, Bordeaux)
- 2016 Preparation of a book, *The History of Wine, from Neolithic Georgia to the Modern Day*.