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COUVENT DES JACOBINS DELIVERS A MASTERCLASS AT THE SWISS HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT SCHOOL IN LAUSANNE

Couvent des Jacobins was thrilled to lead a ‘masterclass’ of wines of Couvent des Jacobins at the Swiss Hospitality Management School (École Hôtelière de Lausanne, or E.H.L.), in Lausanne on December 10, 2019. E.H.L. is a world-famous hospitality management institution with numerous diplomas for students wishing to specialize in the hospitality, leisure or luxury sectors.

Denis POMARÈDE, Couvent des Jacobins’ winemaker and director, met with nearly two-dozen students of the School. He spoke of Saint-Émilion, the village history, wines, grape varieties, and of course, introduced Couvent des Jacobins and the *domaine*’s nearly 650 years of history at the heart of Saint-Émilion.

Vintages from the past 5 decades were tasted during the ‘masterclass’, to discover the *marque de fabrique* of Couvent des Jacobins and the ageing potential of its wines, across vintages, weather patterns, berry concentration and winemaking evolutions. Students could also discover the new confidential cuvee made from very old vine plots by the Couvent team called CALICEM.

We tasted the following vintages with the students and we were delighted to have with us the sommelier team from Le Berceau des Sens, the Michelin-starred restaurant of the E.H.L.:



Couvent des Jacobins 2016 • *A vintage with high proportion of petit verdot in the blend (about 7%). Vintage 2016 is the third one welcoming that delicate grape variety which brings aromatic complexity, density and structure to the wine for a vintage that is both powerful and silky.*

Couvent des Jacobins 2009 • *Probably one of the vintage of the last decade, the expression of Couvent des Jacobins in a powerful vintage. Spices (clove, pepper), for a long, racy finale.*

Couvent des Jacobins 2006 • *Rich, complex bouquet of black fruits, spices and blended oak. A fresh, harmonious and balanced vintage with nearly 25% of cabernet franc in the blend.*

Couvent des Jacobins 1989 • *A jump of 30 years in the past of the Family library. Still deep ruby colour, few signs of evolution. Ample volume in the mouth but with freshness in this solar vintage.*

Couvent des Jacobins 1979 • *An almost 'unexpected' vintage in the seventies, a decade with a capricious weather and growing seasons. A 1979 currently at its peak, tertiary notes but a still tense and fresh finale.*

CALICEM 2015 • *A great concentration of dark fruits, silk, aromatics, well-integrated oak and the saline finale, a trademark across vintages of CALICEM.*



Couvent des Jacobins was delighted to share its winemaking tradition with passionate people and future professionals and to help deepen the awareness of the unique winemaking tradition from Saint-Émilion. Many thanks to E.H.L. for your warm welcoming and the great organization!



Denis Pomarède with the students of E.H.L. © Instagram account @EHL0enology



The wines tasted with the club members. © Instagram account @EHL0enology



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