



## **COUVENT • EN MOUVEMENT •**

### **COUVENT DES JACOBINS REMAINS COMMITTED TO ITS ORGANIC FARMING CERTIFICATION**

Year 2019 at Couvent des Jacobins will be the third and final year of our conversion into organic farming. We expect our official conversion into organic farming to be effective at the beginning of the next decade.

Couvent des Jacobins remains highly committed to this important environmental initiative. We have been preparing the vineyard for this purpose over the past decade. No herbicides have ever been used on the domaine as we favoured mechanical works. Over time, we reduced the use of crop protection products, and ultimately ceased to use them in 2016, which was our first year of working at the vineyard with the precepts of organic farming. Year 2017 was the first ‘official’ year of conversion.

We are now thinking about the post-organic certification. Our whole team is dedicated to promote and implement a wide range of other initiatives to strengthen the biodiversity at Couvent and reinforce the balance between flora, fauna and the vines. These include further reducing copper, extensive replanting of trees and hedges to create safe areas within the estate for the fauna, and continuing biodynamic experimentations.



Organic grassing at the old vines of the Rivalon Plots



Traditional vine bending with 'vimes' – Plot of Beau





Organic grassing – Plots of the Plateau des Menuts