





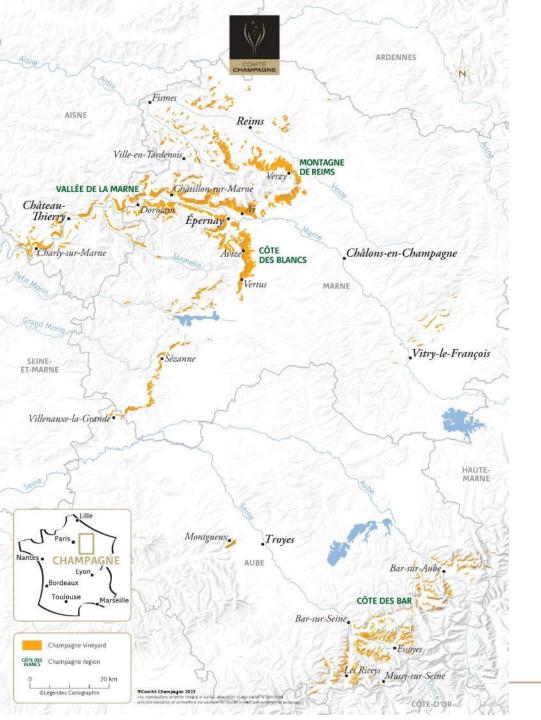
## CHAMPAGNE



The name "Champagne" has been used since the late 17th century to designate sparkling wine from the Champagne region of France.

Champagne has become the wine of festivities and celebrations the world over. It enjoys an exceptional international reputation.







# « CHAMPAGNE ONLY COMES FROM CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE »

A GEOGRAPHIC AREA DELIMITED SINCE 1927

#### A LIMITED AREA



#### **34 200 HECTARES**

(4% of French vineyard)



#### **319 CRUS**

(cities and villages)



#### **LOCATED IN 5 ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS**

Aube, Aisne, Haute-Marne, Marne, Seine-et-Marne

## THE RECOGNITION OF AN APPELLATION



KEY DATES AND DEFINITION OF THE CONCEPT OF AOC

- 1935 : creation of the "appellation d'origine contrôlée" (AOC) concept (Protected Designation of Origin)
  - Defined geographical area
  - Recognition expertise
- 1936 : decree recognizing AOC Champagne
  - Strictly defined geographical area
  - 7 authorised grape varieties
  - 4 authorised pruning techniques
  - Limited yield per hectare and for the pressing

- 2nd fermentation in the bottle ("prise de mousse")
- Cellar ageing (15 months minimum for non-vintage wines, 36 months minimum for vintage wines)
- Minimum potential alcohol content during the harvest

3 1941 : creation of the Comité Champagne

## A LIMITED PRODUCTION, RECOGNISED ACCROSS THE WORLD



## A SMALL PRODUCTION

## A WORLDWIDE PRESTIGE



**0,5% of global vineyards** area





1st viticultural PDO in the world in value 6 billions € turnover



10 % of global sparkling wines consumption in volume





28 % of global sparkling wines consumption in value



**325,5 MILLIONS** of bottles shipped





Presence in more than

190 COUNTRIES (57 % export)

## NETWORK CONNECTED ALL TOGETHER







GROWERS

MANAGE

90 % OF THE VINES



HOUSES
SHIP MORE THAN
70 % OF THE TOTAL
VOLUME





### For the producer:

- A temporary and precarious right to use the designation
- Strict but qualitative production requirements

A restricted yield (determined each year)
A constraining production process (pressing process, ageing...)





## For the producer:

Higher sale prices

x 3 Other sparkling wines with GI
Champagne
x 8 French sparkling wines without GI

An equitable share of the value between winegrowers and houses

## BENEFITS OF A GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION



## Dynamism and innovation in the region:

- Production
- Packaging
- Transport
- Services

## Creations of direct jobs:

- 30,000 direct jobs
- 120,000 harvesters



CHAMPAGNE
HILLSIDES, HOUSES
AND CELLARS ON THE
WORLD HERITAGE LIST







## The collective valuation of a unique name

A single designation

Numerous trademarks

A worldwide success that benefits the whole industry and region

## A collective protection

Co-handled by the administration (French and European)
Collective and mutualized protection system
A system that protects both producers and consumers

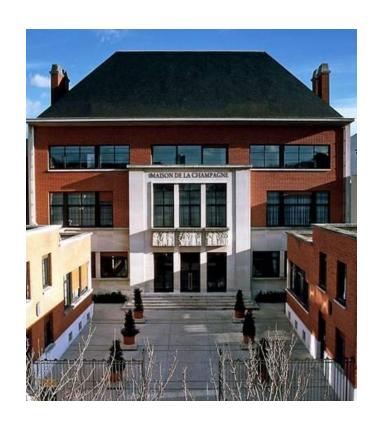
### Collective investments

Research & Development Promotion and education

## **COMITÉ CHAMPAGNE**



#### CHAMPAGNE'S WINES INTERPROFESSION



The place of the collective since 1941

Private law organization, entrusted with a public service mission, possessing prerogatives of public authority

The objective is to ensure the common interest of Winegrowers and Champagne Houses

In a balanced and consensus-based manner.

## **COMITÉ CHAMPAGNE**



#### 4 main missions:

- Market regulation and monitoring the winegrowing activity
- Quality and sustainability (viticulture, conclogy and environment)
- Protection of the appellation
- Champagne education and Champagne promotion

## MARKET REGULATION AND MONITORING OF THE WINE INDUSTRY





Founding date: 1938 - creation of reserve system



Reconciling irregular harvests with market demand



Record all transactions related to the production of Champagne



Track the movement and shipment of wine



Manage Champagne reserves, harvest and inventory declarations, professional registrations, etc.



## **QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY**

COMITÉ

VINES, WINE & ENVIRONMENT





#### **CULTIVATING AN EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE VINEYARD**

- Varietal innovation: preserving existing grape varieties and creating new ones
- Precision viticulture: actively combating diseases and vineyard decline
- Managing and preserving the ecosystem and biodiversity of the vineyard
- Supporting professionals in their environmental certification
- Reducing the ecological footprint of the sector and aiming for carbon neutrality



## REAFFIRMING THE SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE

- Preserve the quality and typicality of wines in a context of climate change
- To ensure the safety of consumers

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## RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

COMITÉ

VINES, WINE AND ENVIRONMENT



**4 EXPERIMENTAL VINEYARDS** 



COFRAC ACCREDITED LABORATORY



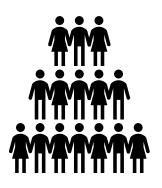
**EXPERIMENTAL CELLAR** 



**TASTING ROOM** 



MICROBIOLOGY LABORATORY



**NEARLY 60 EMPLOYEES** 



## **VALORISATION OF CHAMPAGNE**





UNDERSTANDING THE MARKET

To be able to understand its competitive environment and its consumers.



REPRESENTING THE APPELLATION

To be the voice and gateway of the appellation in France and in the world.



PROMOTING THE APPELLATION

To promote the appellation by highlighting the producers of the appellation.



TRAINING THE PROFESSIONALS

To promote the value and uniqueness of Champagne.

## PROTECTION OF THE APPELLATION

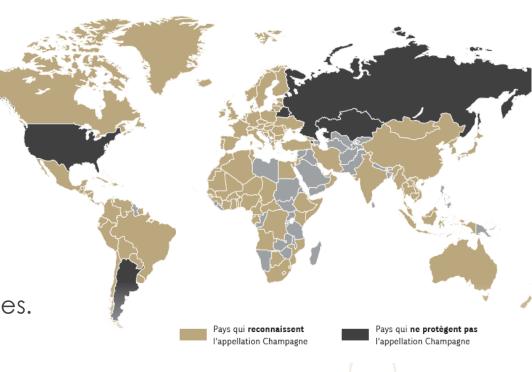


MAIN ACTIVITIES

Fight against counterfeiting and misuses of the Champagne appellation, in France and abroad (priority given to amicable settlements).

**Cooperation and public affairs**, for a better protection in the world, including the follow-up of FTA Agreements (like UE-Vietnam).

Champagne is protected in more than 125 countries.



## PROTECTION OF THE APPELLATION

OUR STRATEGY

















#### OWARD AN ABSOLUTE PROTECTION OF THE NAME CHAMPAGNE

- Zero tolerance against counterfeiting
- Online and offline watches
- Customs trainings and free analyzes on demand

- Actions against trademark applications
- Actions against any and all kind of misappropriations of the name, including evocation
- Relations with the authorities

- In 2023:312 new cases, including 47 new proceedings
- 45,438 ads detected and 5514 ads removed from 68 e-commerce platforms
- A budget of 1,2 million € and a team of 4 people

## **COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES**



IN FRANCE AND WORLDWIDE

#### SHARING INFORMATION

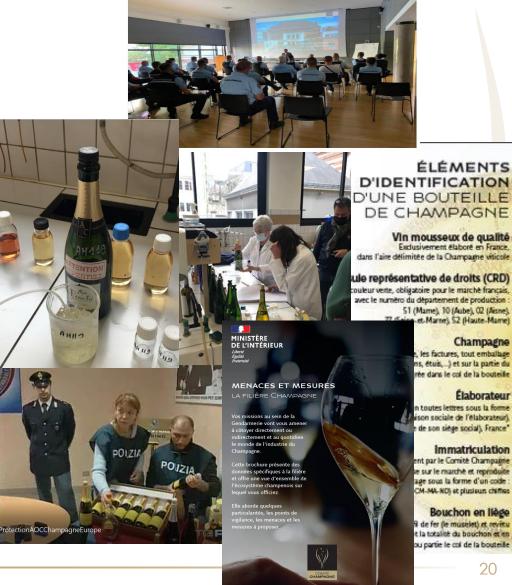
Training, information, free laboratory analysis, presence on the EUIPO platform since 2014, application for customs assistance

#### TARGETED OPERATION

Participation in WCO and EUROPOL operations (e.g. Opson); Champagne Plan with Gendarmes since 2012

#### **WORKING GROUPES & FORUMS**

Participation and monitoring works in France and worldwide (e.g. CNAC, UNIFAB, INTA)



## OFFLINE MARKET SURVEILLANCE

- Monitoring of physical points of sale: market surveys, monitoring of wine fairs, etc.
- Monitoring of the Champagne appellation and trademarks: application for customs intervention, worldwide monitoring of trademark registrations.



#### ANNEXE II

#### Date de réception de la demande d'intervention par le service douanier désigné (au sens de l'article 5, paragraphe 2, du règlement (CE) 1383/2003)

DEMANDE D'INTERVENTION COMMUNAUTAIRE

JJ/MWAA: .../.../...

3. Coordonnées du demandeur (titulaire du droit au sens de l'article 2, paragraphe 2, du règlement (CE) n° 1385/2003)

WE.....

#### DROITS DE PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE

DEMANDE D'INTERVENTION DES AUTORITÉS DOUANIÈRES

au titre de l'article 5, paragraphe 4, du règlement (CE)



## ONLINE MARKET SURVEILLANCE

#### **Alternative Proceedings**

- •CEPANI, 20 dec. 2004, champagnes.be
- •OMPI, 4 july. 2005, champagnes.fr
- •UK Dispute Resolution Service, 15 may 2007, **champagne.co.uk**
- •OMPI, 5 feb. 2008, champagne.ie
- •SYRELI, 10 march 2022 champagne-co.fr

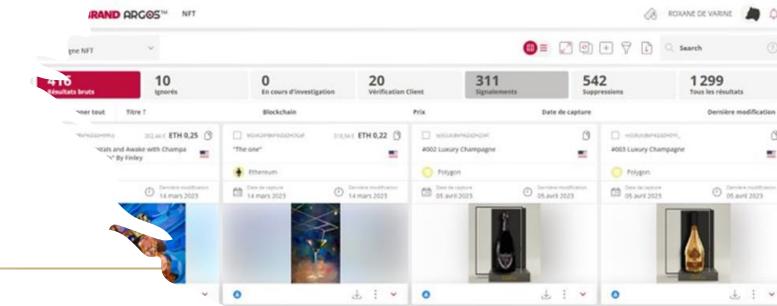
**Obstacle: UDRP** = trademark requirement

•OMPI, 21 june 2011, champagne.co

#### **Judicial Proceedings**

- •TGI Paris, 7 sept. 2001, champ-pagne.com
- •TGI Paris, 15 dec. 2005, vins-de-champagne.com
- •TGI Paris, 5 oct. 2007, **auchampagne.com**
- •TGI Paris 10 april 2008 champagne.ch





## PROTECTION OF THE APPELLATION



#### COMBATING TRADEMARK INFRINGEMENT

- Position: oppose identical or similar trademarks, in all classes of goods and services
  - Abroad: rulings highly protective of the appellation





filed in class 32 (23 Jan. 2024)

• Portugal: rejection of the trademark



filed for restaurant (2 Feb. 2024)

- South Korea: rejection of the trademark CHAMPAGNE 3CON filed for sunglasses (13 Feb. 2024)
- Germany: rejection of the trademark Pink Schampain filed for restaurant (21 Feb. 2024)







COMBATING MISAPPROPRIATION OF THE REPUTATION

Position: settle disputes amicably / if not, take appropriate legal action













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