



ACQUISITION OF THE DOREAU GROUP BY CHARLOIS

The CHARLOIS Group is pleased to announce the acquisition of the DOREAU group by its subsidiary OAK NATION.

Moët Hennessy, the Wines & Spirits branch of LVMH, hold through Maison Hennessy, main client of the DOREAU group, a minority party of capital.

The operation responds to Thierry Doreau's desire to perpetuate the activities of the eponymous group of which he is the founder and allows him to open a new chapter, transmission. In order to ensure the continuity of the operational and commercial activities, the Cognac entrepreneur will be involved in this great project and will be given complementary responsibilities within OAK NATION.

New motivating perspectives for employees and stakeholders are thus offered to the DOREAU group, specialized in the manufacture of barrels, large containers, and barrel repair.

A series of significant investments are planned for the coming years:

- An ultra-modern stave mill will be built on the Genouillac site.
- The main site of the DOREAU group, located in Gensac-la-Pallue, will be with a brand-new building meeting the best standards, especially environmental. This building will house the production of new barrels. The current building, meanwhile, will host the workshop to repair used barrels.

Thanks to the excellent know-how developed by Thierry Doreau and his teams since 1989, this encouraging project supports the growth of the cognac market by meeting the needs of Maison Hennessy as well as those of all customers of the DOREAU group. The associated cooperation also pursue its development in the wine markets.

ABOUT THE DOREAU GROUP

Tonnellerie Doreau was created in 1989 by Thierry Doreau. Under the brand Doreau Tonneliers, the entrepreneur successively acquired a stave mill in Genouillac in 2007, the Tonnellerie Vernou in 2010, a second stave mill in Piégut in 2012, the Tonnellerie des Fins Bois in 2014 coupled with the creation of a site dedicated to reparations and large containers production under the identity of Doreau l'Atelier.

Today, 120 employees work on the three production sites:

- Doreau Tonneliers
- Doreau l'Atelier
- TMR (Tonnelleries et Merranderies Réunies)

ABOUT CHARLOIS

The Charlois group takes its roots in the middle of the 17th century in the Bertranges forest with Jacques Charlois, stave splitter.

Since its creation by Sylvain Charlois in 2005, the group has grown around various complementary activities linked to the oak and forest.

His know-how is developed through three major poles:

OAK GENERATION, dedicated to the village of Murlin, cradle of the Charlois family, is dedicated to art and culture as well as to the enhancement of heritage, agriculture and agroforestry.

OAK COLLECTION, integrates forest ownership and promotion, atypical wooden constructions, cosmetics and hospitality.

OAK NATION, bringing together complementary professions linked to forest, oak, and wine such as forestry, sawmilling, stave milling, cooperage, manufacturing of oak products for wine making, transport & logistics and engineering. OAK NATION also incorporates a laboratory specialized in agrifood chains and a Research and Innovation department.

OAK NATION now brings together around thirty subsidiaries in France, Spain, Romania, and the United States and has 6,000 customers spread over in 50 countries.

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