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READY FOR A NEW CHALLENGE IN BEAUJOLAIS ?

2003 was an exceptional year in Beaujolais :
a small harvest producing great quality wines of remarkable character.

In the course of 2004, new customers have been charmed by our rich, excellent, and surprising wines. The 2003 vintage showed us the best and the most concentrated that the gamay can produce.

It was a small harvest and now we are ready to show you the latest addition to our family.

The summer of **2004** was unreliable and we were very worried right up until harvesting time. There is a French saying that the weather in September determines the quality of the vintage, ...well, September was a marvellous month : not a drop of rain, no extreme temperatures, constant sunshine and a refreshing wind.

The sunny 2004 harvest allowed us to produce good coloured, fleshy wines, with an intense fruity flavour and a good length.

Beaujolais wines are aromatic, full-bodied, dense ; the Beaujolais crus are concentrated and promising.

Brouilly is one of the most successful crus.

This year, Mommessin is proud to welcome the famous **Château de Pierreux** into its fold. It is one of the most attractive estates in Beaujolais, and most of its vine cultivation is carried out according to biodynamic agricultural techniques. The château is also a prestigious place to host receptions where our clients are assured a very warm welcome.

Left to the expert care of Julien Sunier, the **Monternot** vatroom has broadened its range of Moulin à Vent and Fleurie crus. You can already sense the cru from barrel tastings.

As for the 2003 wines, we will wait until they have been carefully vinified before putting them into bottles... and they will undoubtedly be available in September. You are invited to come and taste them in our cellars in Monternot.

Our Vieilles Vignes 2004 cuvée is also just as good as its predecessor. And as far as our white wines are concerned, we are enraptured by the first Mâcon and Pouilly cuvées : the 2004 **Chardonnay** is a great vintage .

Let yourselves be tempted by this new vintage... we are here to advise you and to show you that we are keeping our bet to make Beaujolais a region full of surprises and exceptional wines.

Philippe Bardet Mommessin

