



# Timeline

The oldest Wine House in Champagne: Aÿ 1584

- 1484** The first official ancestor of the Gosset family line, Jean Gosset, is born.
- 1531** A document stamped with the "Royal Library" seal names Jean Gosset as a "seigneur," or "feudal lord," of Aÿ and Mareuil.
- 1555** Claude Gosset succeeds his father Jean.
- 1584** Claude's son, Pierre Gosset (third generation), an alderman in Aÿ and winegrower that makes mostly still red wines, officially establishes the family business.
- 1647** Robert Gosset succeeds his father Pierre.
- 1657** Like his grandfather Pierre, Claude Gosset (fifth generation, 1610-1675), was elected an alderman of Aÿ in 1674. Claude was responsible for the famous cask-stamp that was used to mark Champagne Gosset's barrels for many years.
- Mid-1600s** As the Gosset family was among the first recorded to produce and market wine in the Champagne region, they were also involved from the beginning as winemakers in the region explored and improved the production of sparkling wine - what ultimately became champagne wines. This process began in the mid-17th century, but was not codified as the methode champenoise we know today until the 19th century.
- ~1760** Jean Gosset (ninth generation, 1736-1805) was the first member of the Gosset family to use the famous antique-style bottle that is still used today. This elegant, distinctive bottle is an exclusive design that was part of the family's old-bottle collection. The bottle owes its nickname to the "antique glass" color of the molten glass that is part of its composition.
- 1952** Andre Gosset (14th generation, 1881-1955) transforms the family enterprise into Champagne Gosset Ltd.
- 1955** Suzanne Gosset (1885-1970) is president of Champagne Gosset upon the death of her husband, Andre, until 1965.
- 1965** Suzanne's son, Claude Gosset (15th generation, 1911-1982) takes over the family business. His long history in the family business (he came on board in 1934), along with his experience in winegrowing and producing, makes him one of the main figures in establishing Champagne Gosset's reputation. His brother Albert (1915-1991) takes over the succession until his death, continuing to develop Champagne Gosset's image. At this time, Champagne Gosset is already praised for its "handmade" champagnes, as well as the quality of its cuvees.
- 1976** One of Albert Gosset's sons, Etienne (16th generation, 1947-1983) joins Champagne Gosset. Three years later, he will be its managing director. After the death of their brother, Antoine Gosset (born 1948) and Laurent Gosset (born 1952) will help their father manage the company until Albert's death in 1991.
- 1984** Champagne Gosset celebrates its fourth century in Aÿ and Paris with a number of festivities and shows.
- 1993** Antoine Gosset and Laurent Gosset, aware of the necessity of maintaining Champagne Gosset's strong growth as well as its reputation and unique qualities, hand over the keys to another distinguished family, the Renaud-Cointreaus. Based in the commune of Segonzac in Grande Champagne, the family's origins date back to 1270. Since the takeover, the Renaud-Cointreaus have consistently maintained Champagne Gosset's family identity, while giving it newfound ambition. Small-scale production of its wines is assured. As for continued excellence, this is ensured by Jean-Pierre Mareigner, cellar master at Champagne Gosset since 1983.
- 2009** In addition to its historical headquarters in Ay, Champagne Gosset acquires a property of 2 hectares (nearly 5 acres) in Epernay (which translates to "after Aÿ"), consisting of a heritage-listed park, 19th-century buildings, 1.7 kilometers (just over one mile) of cellars, as well a large cuverie.