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The background features a stylized illustration of a champagne house with a red roof and white walls, set against a backdrop of green hills and trees. A large, ornate crest is visible in the upper left, featuring a crown and the word 'Champagne' in a cursive font. Below the crest, a banner reads 'CHAMPAGNE'.

The Gosset Champagne House has been perpetuating a traditional savoir-faire in the crafting of its wines since 1584 and this know-how has been recognised by the award of the *Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant* (Living Heritage Company) state label. The oldest Wine House in the Champagne region, which remains family-owned and independent to this day, has always strived to bring out the very best of the Champagne terroir, founded on relationships built up over generations with its partner winegrowers. Today it is working closely with these same partner winegrowers to rise to today's environmental challenges.

The Champagne House is careful to protect its surrounding environment, both when creating its prestigious Champagne wines and through its social and human responsibilities. Preserving this environment is essential if the Champagne House is to continue to survive and pass on its heritage to future generations, just as previous generations have done.

Thanks to the dedication of all those men and women who have been involved in the Champagne House since its inception, Gosset's reputation around the world is synonymous with excellence.

The *Trophée Gosset* is awarded each year to individuals or institutions committed to preserving tangible and intangible heritage. It helps to raise public awareness of the need to protect and pass on exceptional products and savoir-faire as well as a preserved environment. This is why Alain Baraton, the gardener-in-chief of the *Château de Versailles* grounds and champion of the «*Declaration of the Rights of Trees*», was awarded the trophy in 2022.

Determined to take action to preserve our terroirs and the environment, and meet the expectations of our customers, Gosset has embarked on a far-reaching transition towards a corporate social responsibility (CSR) approach, reflected in a number of voluntary and tangible initiatives.

Jean-Pierre Cointreau, Chairman

VINEYARDS

Our vision is reflected in the way we source our grapes. Our grape supplies are guaranteed by partnerships with 160 winegrowing families, some of whom have been working with us for several generations. These partnerships take the form of multi-year contracts over 5 years, guaranteeing the income of these families.

The Gosset Champagne House is a standing member of the Comité Champagne (CIVC – the Champagne trade association), which has set all the Champagne Houses and winegrowers two key environmental objectives. First of all, to strive for Net Zero Carbon by 2050. Secondly, all winegrowing holdings must have obtained a recognised environmental certification (HVE – High Environment Value existing since 2012, VDC – Sustainable Viticulture in Champagne existing since 2014, AB – the official French organic label existing since 1985) by 2030.

Today, our partner winegrowers either hold one or more of these certifications already or are undergoing the conversion process to obtain one.

Together, we are deeply committed to the preservation of the Champagne terroirs.



RECEPTION ON THE DOMAIN AND GREEN SPACES



Gosset decided to open its premises, cellars and grounds to the general public (during office hours) and, in 2021, undertook extensive work to achieve the status of an ERP (establishment open to the public), accessible to people with reduced mobility, which it obtained in 2022.

Our Domaine is located on grounds that have been classified by the town of Épernay. This 1-hectare green lung in the heart of the town centre has been maintained without the use of chemical pesticides since 2022.

It is therefore only natural that we wanted to proactively preserve biodiversity, in particular by providing a home for bees on our grounds.



BUILDINGS AND ENERGY SAVINGS

We are working to reduce energy consumption and encourage recycling in all the Domaine's facilities.

Since 2015, we have been using LED lighting in our cellars to reduce our electricity footprint.

In 2020, we replaced our three refrigeration units (used to provide temperature control of the wine vats) with two water-to-water heat pumps with heat recovery to preheat our domestic hot water and heat the production buildings. This has enabled us to take the load off the boiler, saving around 62,000 kWh of gas between 2021 and 2023.

These installations have also enabled us to halve our peak electricity consumption compared to 2020.

We also have a target of reducing our gas consumption by 60% by 2024 compared to 2020.



RECYCLING

In addition to energy consumption, one watchword reigns within the House: recycling.

Our bottles, cases, boxes and outer packaging (glass, corks, capsules, wire cages and caps) can be recycled.

Wastewater and effluents from the vineyards are collected, recycled and turned into drinking

The by-products of vinification (pomace and lees) are collected, recycled and processed in a distillery.

100%

Our cardboard cases, glassine, glass, paper and PET bottles are recycled by the SUEZ GROUP.

Our printer ink cartridges are recycled.

Gosset is also a member of Adelphe, a national funding scheme for the collection, sorting and recycling of packaging, and works with «Société Métallurgique d'Épernay» to recover and recycle ferrous metals.



Lastly, we ensure our materials such as pallets, wire crates, etc., are given a second life and we repair everything we can. Some of our machines are passed on to other companies instead of being destroyed. For example, our old labelling machine joined the machine pool of another Champagne House in the Aube region.

PACKAGING

We ensure that all our packaging (labels, caps, wire cages, capsules, corks, cases, etc.) is sourced locally. We work with local suppliers in the Grand Est region of France.

Our POS and merchandise are produced exclusively in France or Europe.

We prefer to work with suppliers that hold environmental certifications (e.g., Imprim'Vert label) and to use eco-designed and recyclable dry goods (FSC paper from sustainably managed forests, water-based inks, recyclable caps, etc.). We work with our suppliers to develop eco-designed packaging.

From 2023, 100% of our bottle packaging and outer packaging became reusable or recyclable.

Our bottles are made from over 85% recycled glass.



SOCIAL, HUMAN AND CULTURAL RESPONSIBILITY

From a social point of view, the Gosset Champagne House is family-owned, independent and of human size. It has 31 employees, 38% of whom are women and 62% men.

The company's employees are covered by the Champagne Collective Bargaining Agreement, which guarantees an annual pay review and other social benefits, to which the shareholders and management were keen to add a voluntary profit-sharing scheme in the form of an incentive "profit sharing" plan.

Most of the tasks that cannot be mechanized, such as assembling and packing gift boxes or the upkeep of our 1 hectare of grounds are entrusted to an ESAT, a sheltered employment establishment for people with disabilities.

On the cultural front, the Champagne House has been awarded the Entreprise du Patrimoine Vivant (Living Heritage Company) label for preserving and passing on its winemaking savoir-faire.

Champagne Gosset is a standing member of Excellence Française and supports the preservation, promotion and passing on of tangible and intangible gastronomic and cultural heritage through its "Trophée Gosset".

For the Champagne region's oldest Wine House, longevity is naturally a core value. Our determination to pass on our heritage means that we must involve our entire company in the CSR process to produce all our products locally, eco-responsibly and on a human scale.

