

### *Growing stronger with a foot in the Côte de Nuits region !*

The domain celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017, a milestone for Brigitte Berthelemot and Marc Cugney who have built up a reputation for fine wines, acclaimed by the top wine experts in France, America and Japan.

The key to the success of Domaine Berthelemot can be summarized by its environmentally friendly methods of cultivation and the vinification expertise highlighting the characteristics of each individual plot.

As a result, a logical step for the domain was to expand by the purchase of Domaine Charles Allexant whose estate fits in precisely as complementary to Domaine Berthelemot's present activity.

The domain now incorporates plots extending from Gevrey to Rully but before tasting the new appellations, their wine connoisseurs will have to wait until 2019 for the white wines and 2020 for the red wines which will comprise:

- Gevrey-Chambertin
- Chambolle-Musigny
- Vosne-Romanée
- Beaune 1er Cru Les Bressandes
- Volnay
- Puligny-Montrachet 1<sup>er</sup> Cru Les Folatières
- Saint Aubin 1er Cru Murgers Dents de Chien.



### *Thomas Berthelemot joins the domain*

Thomas Berthelemot, 33 and son of Brigitte Berthelemot has joined the domain and following graduation in a school for commerce and a diploma in agriculture (BPREA) at the CFPPA academy in Beaune, is responsible for sales. Samuel Grivaux will be in charge of fieldwork and Marc Cugney, staff member with the domain since the outset, is production manager.

### *The move towards organic cultivation.*



Ecology has always been of concern for Domaine Berthelemot which has qualified for HVE (haute valeur environnementale) level 3 certification.

Wishing to progress a stage further towards organic and biodynamic methods of cultivation, the domain will be starting to adapt as from 2018 meaning that organic wines could be available as from the 2021 vintage.

This entails taking action which will enable the vine to develop while becoming more resistant and the domain has already started at the beginning of the year, for example, by the use of a commonly known « formula 500 » to enhance the microbial effect on the soil, fungicidal treatment by using a natural horsetail based liquid and one based on valerian to fortify the vine after the cold spells in Mai, 26th, and there will be many other forms of this kind of process.