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THE HOUSE OF ALBERT BICHOT HAS LOST A GREAT FAMILY MEMBER

Albéric Bichot is sad to announce the death of his uncle, Albert Bichot, who passed away on Wednesday 23 May at the age of 87. He will be remembered as a great man in the world of wine and an emblematic figure in Beaune.

A former student at the Burgundy School of Business in Dijon, he gained his first professional experience working for a wine importer in Lübeck, Germany before going on to work for a wine distributor in England.

A tireless traveller who was passionate about the world of wine, he joined the family business in 1952, working alongside his father and brothers, Bernard, Bénigne and Jean-Marc. He made a great contribution to the expansion of the House, especially in export sales to German-speaking countries and Northern Europe.

In 1956, he was drafted and posted in Algeria where he spent several months on the fields of operation and received a commemorative medal for Security Operations and Order Maintenance a few years later. When he returned to Beaune, in addition to his responsibilities in sales, he also took on the position of Technical Director, which he held into the early 1990s, and became President of the Supervisory Board for the House of Albert Bichot.

Albert Bichot, who was very open-minded professionally, became Director of the Chablis Commission at the BIVB (Burgundy Wine Board) in the mid 1980s. For him, the vineyards of Chablis held great promise for the future and for the development of Burgundy.

Along with his three brothers, he was able to preserve the independence of the family business and ensure that it was passed down to the sixth generation.

An emblematic figure in Beaune, he was extremely cultivated and was always acquiring new knowledge. He was fond of sharing his passion for history, particularly that of Burgundy, from the Middle Ages to the 20th century.

Albert Bichot was very much appreciated by his family, friends and generations of employees who worked with him at the House of Albert Bichot.

Albert Bichot, based in Beaune since 1831, is family owned and operated. It owns 6 exceptional estates with a total of 105 hectares of vineyards divided among Burgundy's most prestigious appellations: Domaine Long-Depaquit in Chablis, Domaine du Clos Frantin and Château-Gris in Nuits-Saint-Georges, Domaine du Pavillon in Pommard and Domaine Adélie in Mercurey. Albert Bichot is also present in the Beaujolais, at the heart of the Moulin-à-Vent appellation, with Domaine de Rochegrès, named after its prestigious vineyard.

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