

CHÂTEAU
PABUS



BIOGRAPHIES



ROBERT S. DOW

Having served in the US Army, Robert S. Dow attended Newark College of Engineering and graduated with a BS in civil engineering. He pursued his studies at the N.Y.U. School of Engineering and Science, and then turned to commerce at New York's Columbia Business School in 1972, shortly after competing at the Munich Olympic Games in his nation's fencing team.

He began working at Lord Abbett & Co. as a quantitative analyst and subsequently completed the Columbia MBA programme. Ten years later, he became head of Lord Abbett's fixed-income division. In 1996, he was named a managing partner having succeeded in increasing the firm's assets from 18 to 135 billion dollars and thereby positioning Lord Abbett & Co. amongst the 30 largest investment-management concerns in the U.S.

In parallel, he supports many projects and has worked hard to help others: he was a trustee of Tuxedo Park School from 1990 to 2005 and has been a board member of the Peter Westbrook Foundation since 2002, which teaches young disadvantaged New Yorkers how to fence, thereby introducing them to the values of discipline, hard work and perseverance. Mr. Dow is also the treasurer of the Christina Seix Academy, founded by his wife. This independent school based in Trenton, New Jersey, gives children living in single parent families, beset by economic hardship, a sound education. Dow also established a scholarship at the New Jersey Institute of Technology to assist students.

For his outstanding career in finance and his commitment to helping others, Robert S. Dow was conferred with the prestigious degree of Doctor of Science honoris causa by the New Jersey Institute of Technology.





MICHEL ROLLAND

Having grown up near Libourne, half an hour east of Bordeaux, Michel Rolland has become the most consulted and most acclaimed oenologist on the planet, making wines that appeal and accede to the highest ranks in classifications. Born to a family of winegrowers, he was destined to take over the estate, but his ambitions were higher: he wanted to understand the secret of great vintages. Since the 1960's he has been behind major changes in winemaking and vine husbandry, which he has promoted around the world. Today, the Rolland laboratory has seven employees and four hundred estates, which come for analyses and advice. Nicknamed "the king of blending", Michel Rolland is passionate about every new project, like Château Pabus.



MIKAËL LAIZET

Mikaël Laizet was born on 8th May 1973 in Bègles, near Bordeaux. He is the son, grandson and great grandson of farmers and winegrowers. Until 2014, he owned a small plot of vines in the Bordeaux Supérieur appellation area, within the Cadaujac village boundaries on the family estate, Domaine de Marteau. Since he was a small child he has always been exposed to all the operations involved in cultivating vines. After studying for a science degree in Population Biology, he was awarded the National Diploma of Oenology in 1998 in Bordeaux. In 1998, he went to Château Cantenac Brown in Margaux for a post-study internship while completing his military service. He then pursued a number of fixed-term contracts in winemaking in the laboratory of the Chamber of Agriculture in Soussac in Entre-Deux-Mers east of Bordeaux, on the Gülör estate in Turkey and in Slaley Cellars in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

In August 2000, he was hired for a permanent position at Michel Rolland's laboratory. Mikaël Laizet, then intervened as an oenologist for many chateaux in Bordeaux (Château Le Gay and Château La Violette, Château Tour Saint-Christophe, Château Malartic Lagravière, Château La Louvière, Château Couhins-Lurton, etc.), the Loire valley (Joseph Verdier merchants) and across the world (Argentina, Spain, Portugal, Mexico and Armenia).



KRIS COUVENT

Kris Couvent has won recognition as a wine producer and merchant. His story started in 1993 when he bought the reputed wine shop Huis Vossen in Sint-Kwintens-Lennik in Flanders. In 2003, he acquired Château Pabus in Sadirac and became a winegrower. He has been fascinated by wine since his childhood, when his parents, who were fervent connoisseurs travelled frequently in France, visiting wine estates and chateaux. It was clearly written that young Kris would have a career in wine when he grew up. After studying biochemistry, he attended courses in oenology at Bordeaux University. While studying, he lived at Château Lamothe in Haux half an hour outside Bordeaux. The locals adopted him as one of their own as he observed the enchanting world of winegrowing.