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EXTREMELY OLD COGNAC FROM BACHE-GABRIELSEN LAUNCHED IN POLAND

The Bache-Gabrielsen cognac house and Wealth Solutions have launched a limited edition of *Le Sein de Dieu* cognac. Only 150 numbered decanters have been released for sale. The world premiere of this extremely rare spirit took place in Warsaw on 18 September 2015.

Le Sein de Dieu is a limited edition of Grande Champagne Cognac, made of extremely old distillates from the private paradis (cellar) of Thomas Bache-Gabrielsen. This totally pre-phylloxera beverage, with the oldest component dating back to 1790, allows us to taste a liquor which nowadays cannot be produced. The distillates which were used to make it arose before the phylloxera invasion, which began to destroy European vineyards in the mid-nineteenth century. This event had a huge impact on the final shape and quality of wines because it had the effect of changing the type of grape used in the production process. The mission of combining such old and rare distillates was undertaken by Jean-Philippe Bergier, cellar master of the Bache-Gabrielsen cognac house.

"I chose each of the demijohns, dating from the beginning of the 19th century, according to the character of each eau-de-vie and added a twist to this blend by adding 1790 vintage. I tried to find a balance between those that have an outstanding bouquet with subtly spiced tannins and those that bring along their floral complexity and unparalleled length." – explained J-P Bergier.

The name of this unique cognac has many meanings. *Le Sein de Dieu* in French is a synonym of *paradis*, and this beverage can be a real paradise for cognac lovers. *Paradis* in every cognac house is also a cellar with priceless cognacs and eaux de vie. A carefully built collection of beverages was of course a paradise for the founder of the Bache-Gabrielsen company. Thomas dedicated his life to creating them. Today, his descendants have decided to share with us this treasure and heritage of their ancestors. Such a rare and old liquor deserves a special setting. Each decanter is numbered, comes with a special wooden box and a book written by Martine Nouet specially for the occasion. The book provides information on the project, the impact of phylloxera, the history of the Bache-Gabrielsen, cognac house and tasting notes by the author.

"This cognac has not aged, it has kept an unexpected youth and freshness. It is supple, complex, deep and yet lively and beaming. A cognac sealed with passion." – declared Martine Nouet

The limited edition of *Le Sein de Dieu* cognac was bottled for Wealth Solutions, a Polish company that specialises in delivering unique spirits, collectibles and works of art to demanding connoisseurs and collectors. The cognac was officially launched on 18 September 2015 in Prymasowski Palace in Warsaw. The event was graced with the presence of Hervé Bache-Gabrielsen, Managing Director at Bache-Gabrielsen and great-grandson of Thomas Bache-Gabrielsen. The special guests of the premiere were Martine Nouet, Jean-Philippe Bergier and Edward Bates, educator of the Bureau National Interprofessionnel du Cognac.

*"The mission of our company is to find unique beverages with amazing stories. *Le Sein de Dieu* is one of them and this is the most exciting project that we have ever been involved in. This is an outstanding cognac with 200 years of history. I am really grateful to Hervé Bache-Gabrielsen, that he has decided to share this treasure with us."* – added Michał Kowalski, Vice-President of Wealth Solutions.

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You are kindly invited to watch a movie about **Le Sein de Dieu** and see **pictures** of this cognac.

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Notes for Editors:

Bache-Gabrielsen

The cognac house of Bache-Gabrielsen was founded by Thomas Bache-Gabrielsen from Holmestrand in 1905. Several generations later, the business is still owned and run by the Bache-Gabrielsen family. It is now being run by Thomas Bache-Gabrielsen's great-grandson Hervé Bache-Gabrielsen, who recently took over the day-to-day management from his father, Christian Bache-Gabrielsen.

Currently Bache-Gabrielsen is one of the few family-run cognac houses. Despite the passage of two centuries, there has been no change in the family ownership, nor in the quality of the produced cognac. Thanks to this, the company has become one of the largest exporters of cognac in the world. Every year, 1.5 million of bottles leave its walls, on their way to 36 countries on 6 continents.

Wealth Solutions

Wealth Solutions was established in 2007 with a mission to provide unique products for Polish collectors. The company was created by real enthusiasts of exceptional goods such as fine Bordeaux wines, top quality whisky, and art. Over the past eight years, more than 7000 clients have trusted Wealth Solutions by purchasing top quality collectibles and using the company's expertise.

In 2012, Wealth Solutions had the exclusive privilege to introduce the Glenfarclas 1953 whisky cask no. 1674. After 58 years of maturation in an oak sherry cask, its taste is exquisite. This whisky has a natural colour and is non-filtered. The cask was selected by a panel including George Grant, successor of Glenfarclas, and Serge Valentin – one of the most important whisky reviewers in the world. The cask yielded 400 numbered bottles. In February 2013, Wealth Solutions and Number One Drinks Company represented by Marcin Miller, introduced an exceptional 48-year-old Japanese whisky from the legendary Karuizawa Distillery. Cask #3603, filled

on 1st September 1964, is one of the oldest Japanese single malt whiskies in history. Only 143 numbered bottles of this whisky were put on sale. In May 2014, Wealth Solutions, thanks to its partnership with Gordon & MacPhail, was proud to present one of the world's oldest whiskies to the public. The beverage was produced in 1948 within the walls of the Glen Grant distillery, then matured in a sherry cask no. 1369 and bottled after 66 years by Gordon & MacPhail. In June 2014 Wealth Solutions and the Tiffon Cognac House introduced a limited edition of L'esprit de Tiffon cognac. This fully pre-phylloxera beverage was created from distillates from Sverre Braastad's private cellar, where the oldest cognac dates back to 1805. Just 150 numbered and engraved decanters of this exceptional cognac were produced. Its world premiere took place in Jabłonna palace in Poland, where Napoleon Bonaparte met Maria Walewska, his Polish mistress. All listed special releases were specially created for the clients of the Wealth Solutions company.

Martine Nouet

Martine Nouet, a world-renowned French spirits and food journalist and author, is a tireless advocate of outstanding eaux-de-vie like Cognac, Calvados, Armagnac and Rum, and is also a specialist on Whisky. She is annually a judge at the International Wine and Spirit Competition. As Martine puts it, "having nosed Calvados from my childhood at family dinners, I probably kept the memory of that superb eau-de-vie and came to spirits later." Now a globally sought after taster and commentator, Martine is regarded as one of the leaders in her field and has been described as in "the world's top five". She is known as "the Queen of the Still" in the world of spirits.

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