

BATEAUX, CHÂTEAUX, GÂTEAUX

(Boats, Vineyards, Desserts)

A photograph and video exhibition by Nicolas Claris and Romain Claris.
May 3-June 13, 2016 at Relais & Châteaux Saint-James Bouliac (France).



Leo is a 76 footer built by CNB. CNB is based in Bordeaux on the banks of the Garonne river since 1987 and became a division of the Bénéteau group in 1992. CNB can build sailing and motor yachts in aluminium or high tech composite from 60' to 200'. More than 90 boats are now sailing the seven seas since it first started building.



At the doorstep of Bordeaux and in the heart of Pessac-Léognan, Château Haut-Bailly Cru Classé de Graves has stood in the midst of a single-block 30 hectare vineyard for over 4 centuries. The vineyards are ploughed, maintained without herbicide and harvested by hand. Three weeks vatting are followed by 16 months ageing in barrels. Haut-Bailly wines have a subtle, harmonious style, combining finesse and consistency, suppleness and structure and soft tannins with rich aromas – pure elegance. Temperature-controlled vats are used to ferment grapes from each plot separately. 3 weeks vatting are followed by 16 months ageing in barrels.

Nicolas Claris (photographer) and Romain Claris (videographer) chase yachts of all sizes to document the emotions of sailing. A while back they expanded their range of subjects when they discovered the vineyards of Bordeaux and found inspiration in the humility and ambition of the winemakers they met. Not stopping there, they further

widened their range in a surprising new direction: Desserts!

Their latest exhibition is about different worlds where the passion of the soul is expressed in the skill of the hand. Set in the charming Relais & Châteaux Saint-James Bouliac, the exhibition runs from May 3rd to June 13th, 2016. expo.claris.fr/Bateaux_Chateaux_Gateaux

Nicolas Claris

Based in Bordeaux for almost 20 years, Nicolas Claris was born and grew up in Cannes. Nicolas did not start out as a photographer, he sailed the world and discovered photography along the way, as he says, "It was like opening a window". He is now a well known and well respected yacht photographer.

"A man whose convictions are a style, he is among those who believe in the dying glow of the sunset as a chance to catch the photographer's blue note."

Bruno Belmont (Bénéteau group).

Romain Claris

After obtaining the State diploma by the CLCF (Paris) in 2005, Romain Claris became head of the video department of the advertising and communication agency Claris and realised more than a hundred films (corporate, advertising or documentaries). A film director since 2000, many of his films have been selected and rewarded at international film festivals.

"Romain Claris - moves us because he shows us a wider world, richer and more complex than we thought. When we release our gaze through his, we can see better again."

Jacques Dubuisson, Film Director



Lagoon is the brand of cruising catamarans of the Beneteau group. Lagoon offers a range of models from 38 to 77' designed by VPLP, highly successful architects of record breaking multihulls.



Dessert, a word reminiscent of childhood. See one and you cannot help but feel the excitement you had as a child gazing at such sugary beauty. Devouring a dessert should be as carefree as childhood. Immerse yourself in that happy moment where hedonism takes over all of your senses.



In 1826 Hugh Barton, an Irish gentleman, purchased a part of the vineyards of the big Léoville estate which then was renamed "Château Léoville Barton". The property is situated in the heart of the prestigious appellation Saint Julien - north of Bordeaux - and produces red wine of great finesse, elegance and perfect balance. The wine is mainly made with Cabernet Sauvignon. Lilian Barton, the actual owner, represents the 9th generation and the most ancient family still owner of their property since the official classification of 1855.

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