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## News Briefs:

•Champagne Bollinger has appointed Benoît Pernod as director of operations following the departure of longtime cellar master Gilles Descôtes last year. Pernod joined the company last year and is now responsible for all production operations. Meanwhile, Denis Bunner has been named chief winemaker. Bunner was recruited to the team in 2013 by Descôtes. Finally, Gael Vuille has been appointed vineyard and grape supply director at Bollinger, which has a number of projects underway in the run-up to its bicentenary in 2029, among them “the renovation of a historic site with the creation of a cathedral like cellar open to the vines, the development of a unique oenotourism site, and the launch of an environmental and societal charter.” [SND recently caught up](#) with Jean-Baptiste Rivail, Groupe Bollinger's EVP for the U.S.