

To all owners.

Many times I have written to you to explain the complicated situation on our Domaine and to solicit your support whenever serious problems arise that could threaten the peaceful existence of our Domaine. You have given me that support and together we have overcome the difficulties and found a way to live together peacefully on this beautiful little village on top of the hill.

We found the solution in opening up the General Meeting to all owners and in implementing a strict separation of areas of responsibility. **In the ALS we discuss and decide all that concerns us all; the two co-properties deal exclusively with their internal affairs.** We implemented this with the new statuts voted at an extraordinary meeting in 2008 and in a series of votes in the AGM's of 2007 and 2008.

We have created an operating structure which ensures the Domaine runs smoothly, with total transparency and for the benefit of everyone. The great majority of all owners have given support to the structure and enjoyed the stability and efficiency it brings to our village.

What is happening

The Conseil Syndical of the HdR has included on its agenda for the next AGM proposals which challenge decisions taken by the Syndicat of the ASL [point 22 on the agenda]. These are decisions on issues which are not within the remit of the Conseil Syndical of the HdR. If these proposals were to go unchallenged at the HdR AGM they could prevent the Domaine being managed in the organized and structured way which it is today. We only have to look at the condition of the Domaine, coupled with capped management costs to see the system works. It may not be perfect but it works.

We cannot, therefore, permit individuals within the Conseil Syndical of the HdR to vet decisions made at the AGM of the ASL (where all members can vote), accept decisions from which they derive benefit but use the Conseil Syndical of HdR to challenge decisions with which they disagree. If we all operated like this, concerned only with self interest, we would live in a world of constant confrontation and disruption and any community spirit would be non existent. It is totally undemocratic and seems like a small minority trying to find ways of imposing their views on the majority. This is not the way to go about things.

To the owners of les Hauts de Roquebrune

This is potentially very serious. It throws us back to the situation of before 2008 and all the struggles of that time.

I do not know where this comes from and it came as a great surprise. Not even the courtesy to inform me beforehand.

If we want to live in peace together on the Domaine we must respect each other and the way the Domaine is run. This is not the way to do this.

Of course, the HdR is an independent entity and if they have concerns they can voice these. There are two ways of doing this. They can put it on the agenda of the Syndicat of the ASL through Luc, who as president of the HdR is member of the Syndicat. Or they can ask to put it on the agenda of the AGM of the ASL. There we can have a frank discussion and decide how we best resolve one issue or another while respecting each other interests. I strongly recommend not to discuss any points of general interest within the Assembly of the HdR. This raises the suspicion that you want to take control or manipulate things.

For years I have labored to rub out this idea of “us” against “them”. We are not two or three camps; we are one. Let us act as one.

Of course, I'm at all times willing to add any of the subjects that are not already on the ordre du jour and discuss them at the meeting of the ASL Saturday April 7th.

To the owners of the première tranche and St Andrews

Potentially this could be a severe provocation. It basically attempts to neutralize you in the decision making process and ignores your interest in lieu of a minority. Just as in the old days. I do not think, however, for one moment that the HdR as a whole has the intention to impose its will on the Domaine. I'm aware that a small group would like to do this, but the grand majority wants to live peacefully and in harmony on the Domaine and is not at all interested to rekindle the old fires. Just like you.

At the AGM we ask the assembly to reconfirm the solutions we implemented in 2008 [resolution 11 a].

I'm sure we will overcome this and that common sense will prevail.

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The Conseil Syndical of St Andrews fully subscribes to the above letter from the president of the ASL.

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President St Andrews*