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## Strange Weather Phenomenon observed over Artington, Guildford

Residents of Artington and Shalford to the South of Guildford were in a panic when on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> September they noted a strange glow and blinding rays of light emanating from a location near Loseley Park in Compton. This extraordinary brilliance was particularly striking when seen in the context of the incessant rain, cloudy skies and gloomy weather that has typified this summer of 2008. They were further shaken by a resounding volley of explosive cracking sounds, much like the deafening cracks of violent thunder and lightning. When the local residents ran in consternation to the location of these extraordinary phenomena, their anxious footsteps led them to the door of the warehouse

and offices of the wine company **Les Caves de Pyrene** in Pew Corner. As they nervously enquired 'What on earth is going on? We thought that there had been a terrible earthquake or some sort of freak storm', they soon realised the source of the noise: the company's jubilant employees had just simultaneously opened 40 bottles of Philipponnat Clos Des Goisses Champagne to celebrate a piece of fantastic news.

At the prestigious **International Wine Challenge Awards** on the evening of September 3<sup>rd</sup> (the Wine Trade's equivalent of the Oscars), Les Caves de Pyrene won :-



**Regional France Specialist of the Year 2008**  
**Loire Specialist of the Year 2008**  
**On Trade Supplier of the Year 2008**

**They were also runners up in the following categories:**

**Italian Specialist 2008**  
**Best Wine List 2008**

Additional celebrations were also needed for the fantastic news that sales representative, **Tim Wildman**, had achieved the near impossible in the wine world and, at the tender age of 38, passed his Master of Wine exams. This now puts

The local residents were so relieved to discover that the causes of this strange weather phenomenon were not due to natural disasters or an inexplicable radioactivity leak, that they all

him in the illustrious company of such notable Wine Writers as Jancis Robinson and Hugh Johnson. Very few people achieve this demanding and coveted qualification - there are only a handful of Masters of Wine in the world.

decided to celebrate in style by purchasing numerous cases of the delicious **Philipponnat Champagne** before wending their way home.