

Philippe Starck's Château les Carmes Haut-Brion

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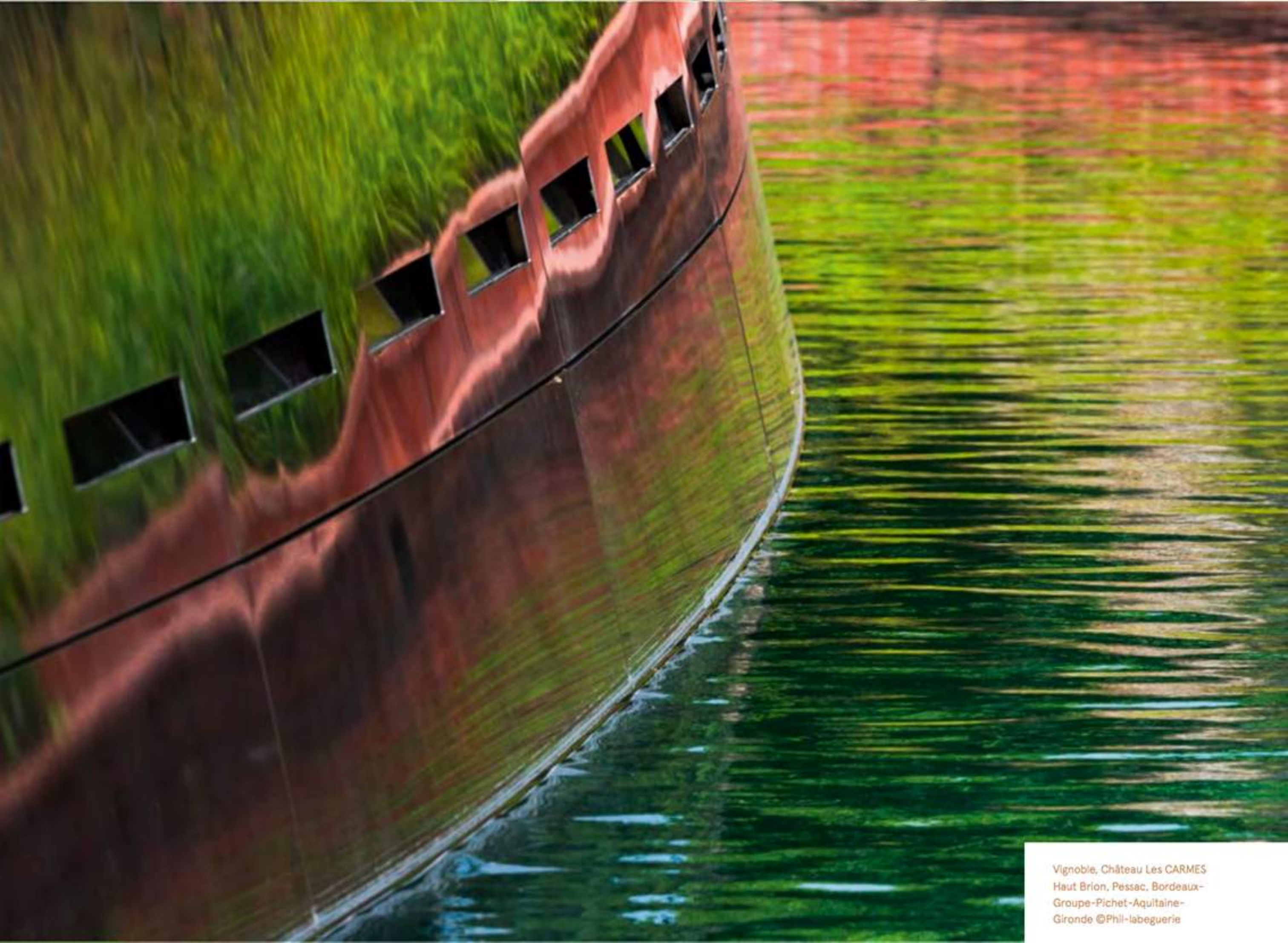
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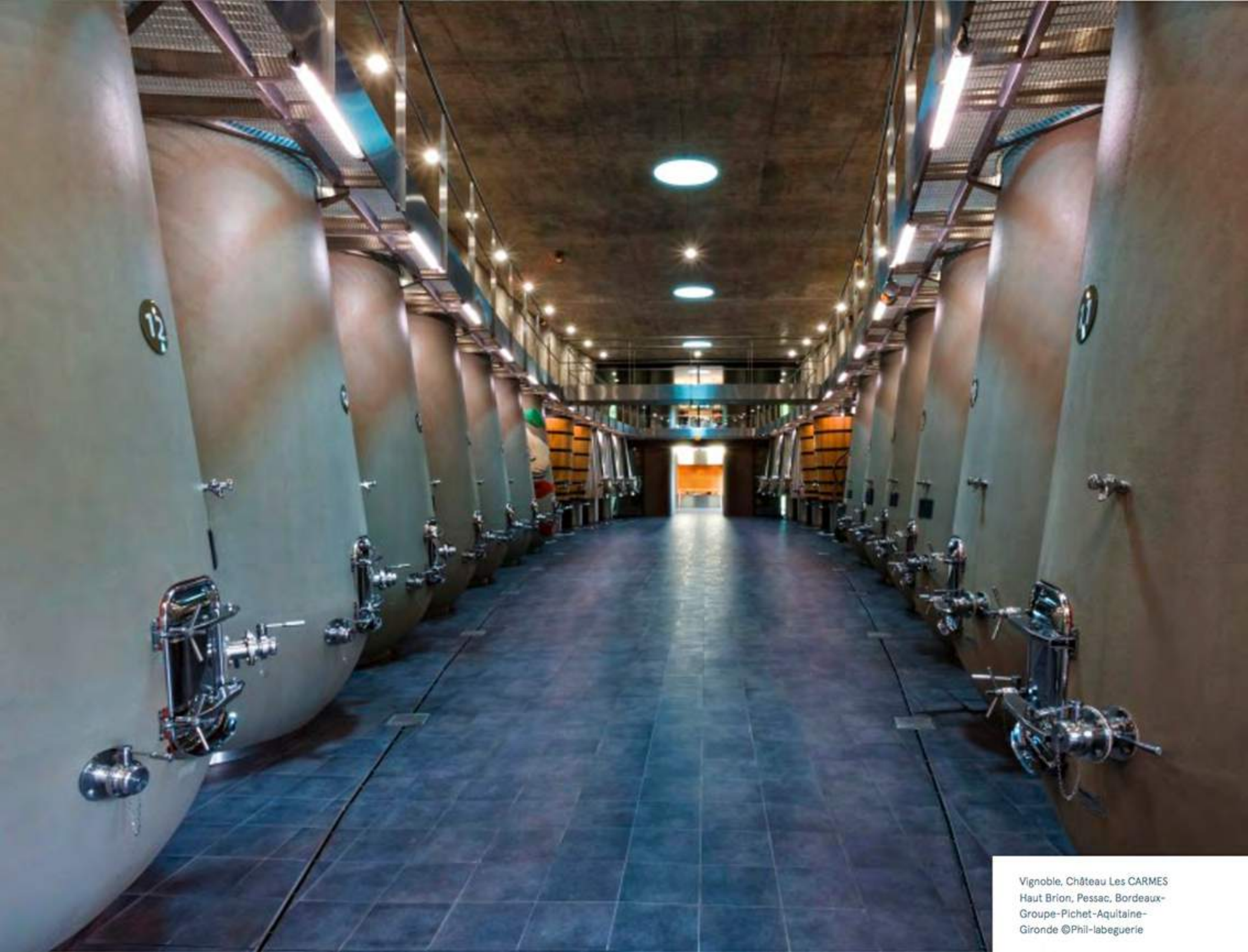
Measuring 2,000 square meters across four levels, the cellar accommodates 300 barrels. Vats of various shapes – made from wood, stainless steel, or concrete to suit the different grape varieties and soil – also serve as canvases for invited artists, the first of whom is Ara Starck. A tasting room on the top floor overlooks the vat house, while a panoramic terrace affords views of the estate.

Of course, it is the remarkable bronze sheen of the seemingly extraterrestrial edifice that distinguishes it from not only as a cellar but as an architectural marvel.

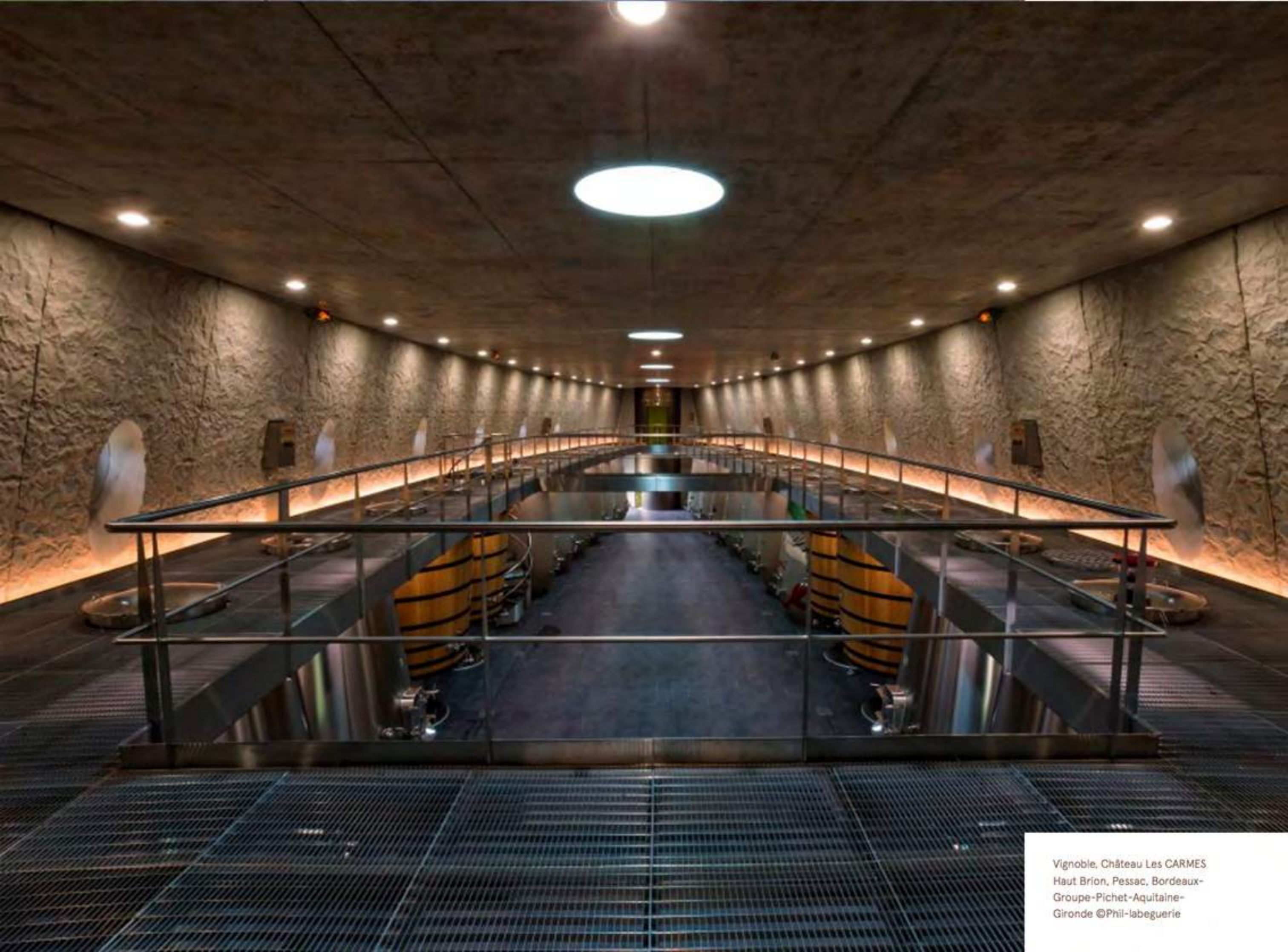




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