

SOLO ROUND-THE-WORLD RACE WITH GITANA AND EDMOND DE ROTHSCHILD HERITAGE

On 7 January 2024, Charles Caudrelier, the skipper of the Maxi Edmond de Rothschild, will set sail solo for an unprecedented 40,000 km circumnavigation of the globe: the Arkea Ultim Challenge!



From Brest, alongside five other sailors, the skipper of the Gitana Team will attempt to sail round the world from West to East at the helm of the first ocean-going maxi-multihull designed to fly on the high seas.

For this first edition, which is already proving to be exceptional, the 32-metre giants are aiming for a race time of between 45 and 50 days, i.e. nearly thirty days less than the Vendée Globe solo sailors.

This tour of the world, which takes the route of the three major iconic capes: Good Hope, Leeuwin and Horn, is also a perfect link with the world of Edmond de Rothschild Heritage's wine estates, spread all over the world.

The **Cape of Good Hope**, off the coast of **South Africa**, will be the first to appear before the bows of the *Maxi Edmond de Rothschild*, where Benjamin and Ariane de Rothschild acquired their first property abroad in 1997, partnering with the illustrious Rupert family. It is one of the northernmost vineyards in the southern hemisphere. Located at the foot of the Simonsberg mountain, in the heart of the Cape Province and its historic wine-growing region, **Rupert & Rothschild** produces three vintages: Rupert & Rothschild Classique, Baron Edmond and Baronness Nadine Chardonnay in white.



Once South Africa is in its wake, the maxi-multihull with five arrows will start sailing in the southern seas, the famous Roaring 40s and Furious 50s that sailors all dream of tackling at least once in their careers. Charles Caudrelier has already been lucky enough to venture there – on three occasions – but never solo, as on this ULTIM round-the-world voyage.



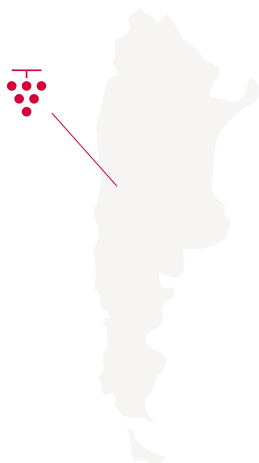
While **Cape Leeuwin**, at the south-eastern tip of Australia, is the second major landmark of this global adventure, it is **New Zealand**, the last stretch of land before the great leap towards the Pacific Ocean that sailors often have in mind.



It was close to this Cape that Benjamin and Ariane de Rothschild successfully met the New Zealand challenge in 2012 when they created the **Rimapere** vineyard in the Marlborough area, and more recently with **Akarua**, located in Central Otago. The attention and care given to these two vineyards allowed them to reveal their potential, giving rise to the iconic Rimapere Sauvignon Blanc and Akarua Pinot Noir vintages, as well as to 2 very promising exceptional vintages: Rimapere Plot 101 and Akarua The Siren.



Charles Caudrelier and the *Maxi Edmond de Rothschild's* voyage in the South Seas will conclude with the passage around the dreaded and mythical **Cape Horn**, the southernmost point of South America.



In 1999, Benjamin and Ariane de Rothschild set out to conquer this new continent by creating the vineyard and the Bodega **Flechas de Los Andes**, at an altitude of 1100 metres at the foot of the Andes Cordillera, in **Argentina**. Three great wines are produced there: Gran Malbec, Gran Cabernet Franc, and Gran Corte, a wonderful blended wine composed mainly of malbec, syrah and cabernet franc.



From the Argentinian bodega Flechas de los Andes to the Marlborough Valley in New Zealand, from the legendary Spanish Rioja to the foothills of the South African mountains, Edmond de Rothschild Heritage harbours the same ambition – to uncover the best terroirs and expertise, to make every sip an exceptional experience.

**DO YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THE RACE ALONGSIDE CHARLES CAUDRELIER ?
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ABOUT GITANA

A unique family seafaring saga unparalleled anywhere in the world, Gitana was created in 1876 on the banks of Lake Geneva by Baroness Julie de Rothschild. Its steamers gave way to Edmond de Rothschild's elegant monohulls, before Benjamin and Ariane de Rothschild brought the family passion into the twenty-first century with multihulls and now flying maxi-multihulls... Since 2017, the Maxi Edmond de Rothschild, the first offshore racing maxi-multihull designed to sail on the high seas and around the world, has undeniably been writing one of the finest chapters in this unique maritime passion that has given birth to a line of boats that has become legendary. The racing team and its members, much like their pioneering owners, combine innovation and the pursuit of excellence on a daily basis, all guided by a strong team spirit and a genuine belief in the power of collective effort.

The Gitana saga is intrinsically linked to the history of Ariane de Rothschild's family and the values it defends. Over the decades, each generation has brought its own standards, style and innovative vision to the various Gitanas in order to perpetuate the family's unique maritime tradition while reinventing it. However, these generations shared a common goal: to push the boundaries of their time and strive to be the best, because behind each Gitana generation lies a very tangible embodiment of the values of progress, excellence and surpassing limits.

Since 2019, Charles Caudrelier has been the skipper of the Maxi Edmond de Rothschild and at the helm of this pioneering boat, he won the legendary Route du Rhum 2022, establishing a new benchmark time for this famous event.

Together with the financial group, Edmond de Rothschild Heritage and the Edmond de Rothschild Foundations, the Gitana Team is one of the four pillars of the Edmond de Rothschild Group's unique ecosystem.

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Created in 2016 and established on 4 continents, Edmond de Rothschild Heritage is committed to sharing a unique and authentic art of living in order to pass on to future generations a modern heritage that respects traditions, people and the land.

With 500 hectares of vineyards meticulously spread around the world, the winemaking teams bring out the best in exceptional terroirs and estates to produce singular wines. The Rothschild art of living has been fully expressed since 1920 at the Domaine du Mont d'Arbois in Megève, through its three hotels (including the 5* Four Seasons Hotel Megève), nine restaurants (including La Dame de Pic - Le 1920) and an 18-hole golf course. In Spain, the hotel venture continues with the intimate Palacio de Samaniego in the heart of La Rioja. The Compagnie Fermière, where the one and only farmhouse Brie de Meaux PDO was created, and the Pépinières de l'Ambre nurseries magnify nature at its tastiest and most authentic.

Edmond de Rothschild Heritage cultivates rare and precious know-how while respecting its original values: excellence, authenticity and passion. Its philosophy: giving meaning to the exceptional.

You can find out more about Edmond de Rothschild Heritage on WWW.EDMONDDEROTHSCHILDHERITAGE.COM

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