REDEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY RENOVATION OF THE JEAN GRANDEL BUILDING
ARGENTEUIL

Competition: 2023
Status: completion in 2025
Client: EPT Boucle Nord de Seine
Floor area: 1,800 m²
Environmental performance: Tertiary Decree – 40% energy savings by 2030
Cost: €3.1 million

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The so-called "Jean Grandel" building is composed of two adjoining volumes. The first, built in concrete with one upper floor, houses the City's wine cellars on half of its ground floor, while the remaining spaces have been unoccupied for several years. The second volume is a large hall built with a steel structure, currently used for municipal storage. The rehabilitation programme provides for the creation of a production school, offices, a restaurant, and the retention of the City's wine cellar facilities.

The building, whose original volume is preserved, will be entirely clad in metal cladding. The graphic composition of the façades is based on a random distribution of two colours, in order to energise the original volume, whose architectural expression is very rigid.

This new place will be composed of four independent entities. First, a production school that will benefit from the generous volume offered by the hall and its existing steel structure to accommodate around forty students in a generously sized workshop space. There will also be a start-up, whose offices and meeting rooms will be developed on the upper floor. The City's wine cellar, maintained in its current premises, will undergo a number of functional adaptations to meet the needs expressed by current users. Finally, a restaurant will be located at the corner of the building and will benefit from an outdoor terrace.

This rehabilitation project will provide a new image and create a new place that will help drive the development of the neighbourhood.