

2007

Vintage Report



CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

The winter was mild with very little frost which benefited the vines through to March, where we even saw some of the plants starting to show their first tips.

April was surprisingly warm and we saw the vines develop very quickly which astonished many Burgundy winegrowers. At the end of April, we were already more than two weeks ahead compared to 2006.

Vine development continued at a rapid rate until flowering, and this accelerated process surprised most growers who did not have time to implement the necessary "therapy" : some vines had started to suffer.

The beginning of the flowering took place towards the end of May but at the same time there was a spell of very fresh weather which resulted in many variations of flowering across different vineyards.

One has to go back to 1994 to notice such early development: 10 days ahead 2003 ! July was not very warm and rather humid but the vegetation was still ahead of schedule.

August was overall gloomy, humid and fresh, except in the first days; this resulted in mildew in some neglected vineyards.

Initially we thought that maybe the harvest could take place as early as in 2003, but the one month advance progressively disappeared due to this cool August weather. The analysis made mid-August, told us to be patient and it proved to be true.

The Côte de Nuits matured as fast as the Côte de Beaune for the Pinot Noir whereas Chardonnay and Aligoté seemed much slower. Harvest started with the reds followed by the whites 8 to 10 days later. Maison Louis Jadot began to harvest on August 29, with a small team starting with Savigny and some Beaune.

The whole team worked from September 3rd to September 13th. The grapes coming into the winery were mature and rather well-balanced.

The whites are still fermenting, with a good part of malic acid (due to the lack of heat). We will follow this malic degradation with great interest. We should have very lively wines.

The reds are becoming clearer, the colour is attractive with tannins becoming softer and softer because they have a high PH. The Pinots should be round, not too powerful and more accessible than the 2005 for example.

The level of rain was rather high this year, and could be considered either as a handicap or as a positive asset. Indeed, the level of our ground water has been very low in the past years, and 2007 probably allowed an easier de-mineralisation : an advantage for the developing of the wine aromas. We even think that it could give some style to the wines ... a certain touch of "chic" ...

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