



2013, LATE HARVESTS

The winter season was a little bit long in Auxey and the three first months of 2013 were very cold . The second quarter was rainy : always wearing our boots, both in the vineyards and in our flooded cellars !

Under these conditions, the growing season started very late, but real summer finally set up in July and August. We were all enjoying this perfect weather, when a hail storm hit Côte de Beaune, a disaster, as previous year, on our vineyards located in Volnay ...

By the end of summer, the maturing reached a good level but 2013 will remain a late vintage. September seemed endless for us : the climate was mild and humid, our grapes still needed some time, but we had to be reactive ...

We started harvests on September 30th and the instructions were clear : quickly AND effectively. The next rainy spell was announced for October 6th AND it was necessary to take time to sort out every bunch of grapes. A successful challenge for our team of pickers !

The 2013 growing season, as previous ones, required constant attention and remained a late harvest, which we were no longer used to ...

2013-white wines have citrus notes combined with white- and yellow-fleshed fruits aromas. In the mouth the aromatic profile is also very pure. A nice tension brings freshness and tempts to taste another sip !

2013-red wines have wonderful colours, as the berries were very small. The nose is intense with notes of fresh red berries. The mouth is very balanced, delicate with smooth tannins for a perfect length ...

These 5th harvests for Terres de Velle are a perfect example for the huge variability in our climate we now have to deal with : this is difficult -and exhausting !- to manage, but this provides an amazing diversity in the aromatic profiles ... A fine reward, isn't it ?

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