

## **2014, AN EASY VINTAGE TO LIKE**

After the dormant winter period, the vines returned to life in clement, warm and dry conditions. These early summer conditions gave us hope about a good potential harvest.

But on June 28<sup>th</sup>, for the third consecutive year, our vineyards located in Volnay, Meursault, Auxey-Duresses & Monthélie are dammaged by hale. Summer is autumnal, cool and wet. The maturing process goes then slowly ...

The boost will finally arrive at the end of August with lasting anticyclonic conditions. This will allow us to organize serenely stress-free harvests starting on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

The 2014 growing season, all about contrasts, finally came to a happy end: once again September lived up to its reputation for « making the wine ».

The 2014's white wines have a very expressive nose, dominated by lemony and floral notes. These moreish wines exhibit very good balance and excellent structure. This suggests they will be adapted for ageing. So, charming but refined!

For the 2014's red wines, limited yields allowed us to obtain very deep red colours. The fruit is expressive and intense but with a great finesse. In the mouth, the silky tannic framework underlines some full-flavored material. These wines could easily be kept for good many years.

Such an easy vintage to like: it is already charming but it has all the makings of a great year ...

New! For this 6<sup>th</sup> harvests, we couldn't bring ourselves to sale our wonderful grapes of Aligoté produced in one of our oldest vineyard ... Together with Pinot Noir and Chardonay grapes produced in Meursault, they will make our Crémant de Bourgogne, « les Bulles par Terres de Velle » : a new challenge for us to discover the expression of nice Terroirs!

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