



2011, a singular vintage ...

2011 vintage is indeed a singular vintage, not only because it was an early vintage, but also because of its singular climatology : summer arrived in spring and autumn ... in summer !

At Terres de Velle, 2011 is also the year of winery renovations : a crane is set up in our courtyard at the beginning of March and our buildings will stay open-air for three months without any cover.

The growing season starts at top speed : In April the heat is historical and sunshine hours are upper of 66 % to the average. We spent most of our time in the vineyard trying to follow the vegetation growing : anyway it comes at the right time as we don't have even a roof anymore ... With nice weather in May and June the vineyards stay exceptionnally healthy : no mildew, no oïdium, nether seen before in Burgundy ! As we observed the flowering around May, 20th we understand that 2011 vintage will be for sure an early vintage. But a particularly gloomy summer will change the predictions.

Mid-august, Burgundy is panic-stricken : the grapes did not reach an optimal ripeness yet, but as the weatherforecasts for beginning of September are rather pessimistic, many winegrowers decide to start harvests. At Terres de Velle, it is a tricky period and we are dealing with other concerns as we are still waiting for the delivery of our new stainlesssteel vats... The last vat was set up on August 30th, the sun came back for a longer period and we finally started picking the grapes on September 2nd. These few days of sun will make the difference : in 2011 we harvested grapes presenting an exceptionnal balance between sugar and acidity.

The 2011 whites are aromatic and very pure. The nose is floral and very frank. The sunny days we won beginning of September brouhgt a round mouth.

The 2011 reds are full of pleasure and fruity, with deep red colours. The nose is open and the aromas are typical of each Climat. September sun brought soft and elegant tanins.

A singular vintage, in term of both climatology and renovation, but presenting a great natural balance. !

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