



## 2012, OUT of standards

The 2012 growing season was out of standards ... It had a rather good start : after some rather normal winterfrosts, we had a very nice weather in March and we were happy to go back pacing up and down the vineyards. But in April, rien ne va plus !

- \* Within 4 months, between April and July 2012, the Côte de Beaune received more than 50% of its annual average rain.
- \* We had frost on May the 18th on our vines located in Chassagne-Montrachet : no longer on buds, but on branches.
- \* Hale on June the 30th in Volnay and on August the 1st in Auxey, Meursault and Puligny destroyed not only the leaves but also the grapes.
- \* A sunny week from July 23rd finally burnt some grapes : we call that "échaudage".

So a very difficult season for us, both physically and nervously, which will finally ends with sunny and nice weather in August and September.

When we started harvesting on September 21st, only few berries were left on each bunch but these were healthy and ripe ! The harvest quality will be our reward but the quantities are disastrous : we will finally produce 14.000 bottles from this 2012-vintage, rather than 30.000 on a « normal » year ...

The 2012-white wines are very aromatics and have a huge complexity. In the mouth their balance and great concentration give them a nice potential for ageing !

The 2012- red wines are rich and intense. The tannins are ripe and silky and the general harmony in the mouth will allow them to age very well.

To sum up, we will remember this out of standards-vintage, full of pitfalls for our team and finally very limited in quantities : hurry up, it is about to be sold out !

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