



2018, AN IDEAL VINTAGE !

During winter 2017/18, it rained every two days (120% excess rainfall !) and the temperature varied widely from one month to the next. Despite growth starting on the late side, the vines subsequently burst into life from mid- april !

Weather conditions were overall very sunny, warm and dry, keeping disease at bay : no pressure for us to manage for us, but an extremely fast pace. In June, the bunches will be formed within three weeks rather than six usually !

Thanks to the water reserves accumulated during the winter, the vines held up well during this drought. On August 23rd a salvific rain for the berries helped us to set a date for picking : we started harvests on August the 30th. The most important for us was not to reach a too high sugar level so that we could manage a -very fast !- but an easy going vinification !

The 2018 white wines are simply dazzling. Their nose explodes, both subtle and powerful. In the mouth, they are dense and smooth. The freshness of this 2018 vintage has been preserved by an early picking.

The 2018-vintage will be a reference for red wines : reds have a phenomenal aromatic richness. They explode in the mouth thanks to a wonderful tannic structure. Wonderfully tasting young the 2018 vintage will demand a few years ageing ...

Rain was a key player in shaping the 2018 dream vintage, providing generous volume AND superb quality : a rare phenomenon that a winegrower is only likely to enjoy once or twice in his life ...

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