

Vintage 2021... a vintage so "Bourguignon"

The 2021 vintage, in complete contrast to the 2020 vintage, has been taking its time.

Very fast flowering

After the historic frost in April, which occurred from the 6th to 9th April the vines took time to resume their cycle. May was rainy and cool. Fortunately, early June was back to more normal warmth with relatively high temperatures being attained from June 8th.

Flowering took place quickly, thanks to hot and dry weather. If the rhythm was fast, the "veraison" period was highly variable and depended on the level of frost incurred.

-made up for the time lost in April and May.

A rapid cycle but heavy losses linked to frost.

From the end of June to the beginning of August, due to rainy weather and average temperatures, the vines grew very quickly. However, a great deal of delicate work was required of vignerons to manage the canopy and counter the pressure of disease. It was necessary to wait until mid-August to find a durable, dry weather, which combined with a northerly wind, resulted in the attainment of the mid-veraison period in most parcels.

A typical Burgundian vintage

The harvest was prolonged, it began around September 18th, extended into October. Yields were highly variable and unfortunately low or sometimes extremely low. Losses of up to 90% were recorded on some plots.

The aromatic potential of the juices was there, the fermentation dynamics were good and the sugar-acid balances found typical characteristics appreciated by lovers of Burgundy wines.

2021 is therefore shaping up to be a rather classic Burgundian vintage, with the ripening of the grapes having taken place in cooler weather conditions than in recent years.

