

BRUNO COLIN

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FRESHNESS, RICHNESS AND BALANCE



A mild start to winter followed by a cold snap

In February, the climate is mild and sunny. March continues to be mild, temperatures are average, causing an alternation of cool periods and milder periods. On the 29th, they return well above normal and remain there for a few days, favoring the resumption of the growing cycle. The first green tips are observed, on Chardonnay in early areas, then in the first days of April on Pinot Noir.

April is like the month of March with temperatures that play «yoyo», in an overall cooler atmosphere. The mid-bud burst stage is close to that observed in 2009 or 2016 and is a few days behind average.

A promising spring

At the beginning of May, conditions become favorable for growth. Growth then continues at a frantic pace, the leaves spread out, finally giving the landscape a green tone... of the season.

From May 20, temperatures rise and remain above seasonal norms, which favors a rapid evolution towards flowering. The very first flowers are observed at the end of May. The mid-flowering stage around June 7, announces a harvest for the very beginning of September. A release of bunches that reassures winegrowers about the potential of the harvest.

Spring ends with a water deficit that will not be filled, despite storms in June which locally bring sometimes very significant precipitation.

An unstable summer

July is like June, relatively unstable: alternating storms, temperature peaks up to 35-36°C and high humidity. This instability is conducive to

diseases against which winegrowers will remain vigilant all summer. Two episodes of hail, on July 11 and 15, caused very localized damage (south Mâconnais, north Côte Chalonnaise, Meursault, Dijon surroundings). However, Burgundy was generally unscathed.

In early sectors, the first glassy berries were observed in mid-July depending on the sector.

Ripening took place in warm conditions with sunny weather that allowed sugars to accumulate. August, punctuated by rainy episodes, allowed the harvest potential to be preserved, before ending under unusual sunshine and temperatures for the season.

White wines :

The Chardonnay and Aligoté are magnificent.

All of Burgundy is unanimous, it is «a very great year for whites!» The ripe, balanced and healthy grapes have produced wines that are distinguished by their richness and beautiful opulence. The wines are aromatic, evoking lovely ripe white fruits, such as pear and peach. The beautiful balances are preserved despite the very hot weather at the start of the harvest.

Red wines :

The red wines are expressive and open up quickly. They have delicious aromas, reminiscent in some cases of fresh red fruits, such as raspberry, and for other wine profiles, aromas of black fruits, such as blackberry, or even spices. On the palate, they are of a beautiful density, with a silky tannic structure. During the vinifications, the conditions were met for a good extraction of the color. The intense dresse.