

# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

# Beaune Champs-Pimont Premier Cru 2015

2015 Exceptional sunshine!

The year 2015 profited from completely exceptional climatic conditions with surplus sunning, very weak pluviometry and very high temperatures in June and July.

The strong luminosity and heat marked this year with accelerated vegetative cycle and certain stages such as flowering at the beginning of June and ripening at the beginning of August were fulgurating.

Harvests at Domaine Jacques Prieur started on 3rd September for Chardonnays and on 7th September for the Pinot Noirs.

2015 can be illustrated as an extremely early vintage and it stands next to 2003, 2007 and 2011.

The first tastings show generous white wines and refined red wines.

#### GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay on a 1.42 hectare plot

#### TERROIR

A large plot with the evocative name of "Les Champs au pied du Mont" (or, "The Fields at the Foot of the Mountain"), located on the slope overlooking the outskirts of Beaune. This vineyard, facing due east, produces both red and white wine. Chardonnay is planted on the upper part of the slope with chalky soil taht gives its mineral characteristics and unique personality. There is also often a salty flavour on the aftertaste.

### VINIFICATION & AGEING

Whole bunches of grapes were handpicked into small crates and pressed in a pneumatic winepress. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing entirely in oak barrels. 100% malolactic fermentation

Duration of barrel ageing: 17 months

## TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2017

COLOUR: Luminous green gold with scintillating silver reflections.

NOSE: Precise and very subtle with slightly toasted notes evolving into flint and spicy notes.

PALATE: Round and flavourful with anise, pepper and delicate lemony and acidulous notes.

Generous and salivating on the finish.

