



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Beaune Champs-Pimont Premier Cru 2016

Vintage 2016
26th-28th April: Devastating frost episode!

After a very mild winter and a warm spring weather in the second half of April, the bud break was advanced but the frost with high level of humidity at the end of the month destroyed the parcels with the best exposition. After the frost the vine was developing slowly. Acceleration in growth and the maturity of grapes were possible thanks to very warm and dry summer, with ripening that started quickly by mid-August. The harvest started on 20th September and the sanitary condition of the vineyard was perfect.

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 that 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 2018
COLOUR : Green gold with silver reflections.
NOSE : Very fine, subtle, elegant, slightly iodized, mentholated, evolving into liquorice, fresh notes.
PALATE : Tasty, generous, with crunchy lemon-flavoured aromas. Point of salinity on the finish with splendid retro-olfaction.



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