



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Beaune Champs-Pimont Premier Cru 2007

2007 as opposed to 2005, when it was easy to grow ripe grapes, 2007 was an early-maturing year that called for a great deal of meticulous work in the vineyard.

It was necessary to be vigilant on all fronts in 2007, and those growers who did not keep close watch over their vines and correctly practise leaf thinning encountered difficulties. In May, vine growth was a month ahead of average but, by September, there was a major discrepancy between ripeness in the red and white grapes. Pinot Noir was fully ready to pick in late August, whereas Chardonnay needed more time. This was a "year of the winemaker", where making the right decisions was of paramount importance.

The red wines are delicious, with silky tannin.

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay on a 1.20 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. Soil in the lower part of the vineyard contains a high concentration of clay, which guarantees deeply-coloured, powerful wines, while the large proportion of iron brings out smoky nuances.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes are handpicked into small crates and the whole bunches are then pressed in a pneumatic winepress. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing take place 100% in oak barrels with bâtonnage (lees stirring).

100% malolactic fermentation

Duration of ageing: 17 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in June 2009

COLOUR: Clear, brilliant greenish-gold with silver-grey highlights

NOSE: Very subtle and refined with hints of candied citrus, nuts, and pineapple, as well as toasty and spicy notes

PALATE: Generous, tasty and perfectly balanced, with attractive lemon and roast hazelnut nuances

Long aftertaste with beautiful, polished minerality



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