



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% Pinot Noir on a 2.06 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. The Pinot Noir grapes in the lower part benefit from a very clayey soil that produces deeply-coloured, powerful wines. The high iron content in the soil often accounts for aromas reminiscent of soot or smoke.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 20 days in temperature-controlled open oak vats. Pigeage (punching down the cap) was done twice a day during alcoholic fermentation.
100% malolactic fermentation
The wine was aged entirely in new oak barrels.
Duration of barrel ageing : 19 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in June 2018
COLOUR : Dark and intense ruby red.
NOSE : Fine and precise with notes of dark berries (bilberry, blackberry), evolving with aeration into spicy and slightly leather/tobacco notes.
PALATE : Crunchy featuring dark berries and very slightly toasted notes. Thick on the finish with dense, ripe and salivating tannins.



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