



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Beaune Champs-Pimont Premier Cru 2017

2017 Omnipresent Sun!

The exceptional warm weather and the sunlight in March and in the first half of April gave way to a very quick development of the vine. The decrease in temperature in the end of April and minor frost episodes did not impact our vineyards like in 2016.

With constantly high temperatures, the growth cycle of the vine during the phase of vegetation was fulgurating (early and rapid flowering at the end of May - beginning of June and "flash" véraison has finished by 10th August).

The canicular weather in end of August intersected with occasional rains has accelerated the maturation of grapes and placed 2017 vintage among the earliest since the beginning of the years 2000.

The harvest at Domaine Jacques Prieur began on 29th August.

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 : 17 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2019

COLOUR : Ruby red with light purple disc.

NOSE : Spicy and floral notes with a touch of cocoa, liquorice and rose petal. Delicate and airy nose.

PALATE : Juicy fresh fruits (cherry). Dense and fine tannins on the palate, long and delicious finish.

