



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Beaune Clos de la Féguine 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% Pinot Noir on a 1.47 hectare plot

TERROIR

South-facing sun exposure very steep
Meagre, light brown silty and clay-limestone soil
Fractured limestone
Former quarry
Perfect drainage

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 22 days in temperature-controlled open oak vats. Pigeage (punching down the cap) was done twice a day during alcoholic fermentation.

100% malolactic fermentation

100% ageing in oak barrels

Duration of ageing: 12 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2009

COLOUR: Light ruby-red with intense purplish highlights

NOSE: Spicy and peppery with hints of nutmeg

PALATE: Extremely elegant with spicy, red fruit flavours

Remarkably delicate with very fine tannin



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