



# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

## Beaune Grèves Premier Cru 2010

2010: a small crop of beautiful grapes

After an interminably long, cold winter, proper spring weather set in during the month of April with above-average temperatures that enabled the vines to start growing quickly. Bud break took place over just a few days around the 20th of April. The poor, cool weather in June caused a great deal of coulure (shot berries) and flowering was upset as a result. The first two weeks of July were warm and sunny. Véraison (colour change) began at the usual time in mid-August, but lasted for several weeks due to rain and cool temperatures. The grapes took their time to ripen. Fortunately, sunny weather returned in early September and lasted for three weeks. A small crop with undersized berries and well-aerated bunches made it possible to maintain the fruit in good, healthy condition and obtain good ripeness. However, it took a great deal of reflection before deciding when to pick each plot. We did not react in a panic-stricken way to what was wrongly described as deterioration of the grapes!

### GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir on a 1.17 hectare plot

### TERROIR

Beautiful vineyard plot overlooking the city of Beaune.

Clay-limestone soil with a predominance of Grèves (small pebbles) and sand. The silica in the sand stores warmth from the sun and is an important factor in ripeness. The wines are noted for their elegance and fruit.

### VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 18 days in temperature-controlled open oak vats. Pigeage (punching down the cap) was done twice a day during alcoholic fermentation.

100% malolactic fermentation. Entirely aged in oak barrels.

Duration of ageing: 18 months

### TASTING NOTES

Tasted in November 2012

COLOUR: Dark ruby-red Intense purplish highlights.

NOSE: Black fruit (blackcurrant and blueberry), roast coffee and spices.

PALATE: Liquorice and pepper overtones. Tasty berry fruit. Dense, beautifully thick texture. Fresh, lively tannin.



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