



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Beaune Grèves Premier Cru 2012

2012 Virtuoso Winemaker Vintage!

2012 weather conditions showed that nature remains the determining factor in winemaking. It is still stronger than anything and this is for the best.

Throughout vine growth cycle, our vineyards suffered from the whims of Mother Nature: winter and spring frosts, significant temperature fluctuations in spring and summer, arduous flowering (coulure and millerandage), several violent storms, hail and heat, as well as strong pressure from mildew and oidium!

All these phenomena have resulted in historically low yields. Nevertheless, nature often restores things very well, so it enabled remaining grapes to fully ripen and maintain a good health condition in the vineyard.

First tastings show harmonious and savoury wines with refreshing fruitiness together with precise and particular density on the palate.

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay on a 0.54 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

Whole bunches of grapes were handpicked into small crates and pressed in a pneumatic winepress.

Alcoholic fermentation and ageing entirely in oak barrels 100% malolactic fermentation.

Duration of barrel ageing: 20 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in May 2014

COLOUR: Yellow-gold with silver-grey reflections.

NOSE: Fresh grapes, almond paste and fresh bread: delightfully opulent and charming.

PALATE: Crisp and embracing with savoury notes of mirabelle plum, sweet spices and candied lemon. Mouth-watering, fleshy and generous finish.



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