



# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

## Beaune Grèves Premier Cru 2021

Vintage 2021

"Unimaginable and unthinkable"

A period of excessive heat at the end of March 2021 resulted in an early bud break, but the unthinkable was confirmed during the nights of 6 to 8 April with the return of winter in force (temperatures of -7°C / -8°C and snowfall). The frost damage to the buds was unmistakable and the losses observed were very significant.

With a cool and sunny spring, the vines had a lot of difficulties in coming back to life. The sudden return of heat in June caused flowering to be too quick, which led to heavy couluring / flower abortion and a further loss of harvest.

July saw significant rainfall and disease pressure was relentless. So work in the vineyards had to be managed with great precision. August was rather dry with cool nights, and veraison was difficult to start. A strong heterogeneity of maturity was noted between the vines that were heavily frosted and those less affected by the frost. Regular ripeness checks are compulsory to determine the right date for harvesting.

Harvesting began on 22 September.

### 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 : 18 months

### TASTING NOTES

Tasted in April 2023

COLOUR : Intense green-gold with silver-gray reflections.

NOSE : Airy and subtle on spicy-powdery notes evolving with airing on mentholated and praline notes.

PALATE : All in smoothness and sapidity. Lots of spicy-glazed-mentholated flavor. Appetizing finish.



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