



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Clos Vougeot Grand 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 1.28 hectare plot

TERROIR

This 50-hectare clos (walled vineyard) was created by the Monks of Cîteaux. Their cellar was located in the Château du Clos Vougeot, which is now the headquarters of the Confrérie des Chevaliers du Tastevin.

The soil has a large clay content, which accounts to the powerful, well-structured wines that have a rustic side when very young.

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

The wine was aged entirely in oak barrels.

Duration of barrel ageing : 21 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in July 2019

COLOUR : Intense ruby red, with a beautiful purple disk.

NOSE : Seducing with notes of dark berries (blueberry, blackberry, blackcurrant) and delicately spicy notes (vanilla, nutmeg), evolving into floral notes (rose petals).

PALATE : Textured and tasty with fresh fruit and a spicy pepper flavours. Thick in the finish with dense, fresh and ripe tannins.

