

# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

## Corton-Bressandes Grand Cru 2015

2015 Exceptional sunshine!

The year 2015 profited from completely exceptional climatic conditions with surplus sunning, very weak pluviometry and very high temperatures in June and July.

The strong luminosity and heat marked this year with accelerated vegetative cycle and certain stages such as flowering at the beginning of June and ripening at the beginning of August were fulgurating.

Harvests at Domaine Jacques Prieur started on 3rd September for Chardonnays and on 7th September for the Pinot Noirs.

 $2015\ can$  be illustrated as an extremely early vintage and it stands next to 2003, 2007 and 2011.

The first tastings show generous white wines and refined red wines.

#### GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Pinot Noir on a 0.73 hectare plot

#### TERROIR

Situated on the hill where the Grands Crus of Corton are located. The south-east facing vineyards and slight slope ensure perfect ripening.

This sun exposure, combined with stony clay-limestone soil, is conducive to early ripening whatever the weather during the growing season.

### VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 19 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: 20 months

## TASTING NOTES

Tasted in May 2017

COLOUR: Intense ruby red with dark purple reflections.

NOSE: Smoky, tobacco and leather notes evolving into ripe and fresh black fruit.

PALATE: Dense with pulpy and crunchy fruit flavours and a touch of liquorice. Elegant

tannins and generous finish.

