



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Meursault Clos de Mazeray Village appellation 2007

2007 as opposed to 2005, when it was easy to grow ripe grapes, 2007 was an early-maturing year that called for a great deal of meticulous work in the vineyard.

It was necessary to be vigilant on all fronts in 2007, and those growers who did not keep close watch over their vines and correctly practise leaf thinning encountered difficulties. In May, vine growth was a month ahead of average but, by September, there was a major discrepancy between ripeness in the red and white grapes. Pinot Noir was fully ready to pick in late August, whereas Chardonnay needed more time. This was a "year of the winemaker", where making the right decisions was of paramount importance.

The red wines are delicious, with silky tannin.

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay on a 2.57 hectare plot

TERROIR

This walled vineyard owned exclusively by the Domaine is located on the outskirts of the town of Meursault. The vineyard was established by the monks of Cîteaux and has produced red and white wines ever since.

The clay-limestone soil sits atop a former river bed.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes are handpicked into small crates and the whole bunches are then pressed in a pneumatic winepress. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing take place 100% in oak barrels with bâtonnage (lees stirring).

100% malolactic fermentation

Duration of ageing: 19 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in May 2009

COLOUR: Luminous, brilliant, greenish-gold with silver-grey highlights

NOSE: Toasted and roasted notes with flint, candied citrus and pineapple aromas

PALATE: Generous and tasty with an elegant, mouth-watering, mineral flavour

Lemony, spicy taste

Long, concentrated aftertaste

