



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Meursault Santenots Premier Cru 2010

2010: a small crop of beautiful grapes

After an interminably long, cold winter, proper spring weather set in during the month of April with above-average temperatures that enabled the vines to start growing quickly. Bud break took place over just a few days around the 20th of April. The poor, cool weather in June caused a great deal of coulure (shot berries) and flowering was upset as a result. The first two weeks of July were warm and sunny. Véraison (colour change) began at the usual time in mid-August, but lasted for several weeks due to rain and cool temperatures. The grapes took their time to ripen. Fortunately, sunny weather returned in early September and lasted for three weeks. A small crop with undersized berries and well-aerated bunches made it possible to maintain the fruit in good, healthy condition and obtain good ripeness. However, it took a great deal of reflection before deciding when to pick each plot. We did not react in a panic-stricken way to what was wrongly described as deterioration of the grapes!

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay on a 0.25 hectare plot

TERROIR

This vineyard, located in the commune of Meursault, is unusual in that it is entitled to produce Meursault-Santenots Premier Cru white wine if planted with Chardonnay and Volnay-Santenots Premier Cru red wine if planted with Pinot Noir. Facing east, this vineyard has deep soil with alternating friable limestone aggregate associated with marl and silt.

Situated at the foot of the slope, this Meursault-Santenots has a perfect balance between soil and stone that encourages ripening.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

Whole bunches of grapes were handpicked into small crates and the pressed in a pneumatic winepress. The juice was cold settled after pressing for 12-14 hours under temperature-controlled conditions. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing entirely in oak barrels.

100% malolactic fermentation

Duration of ageing: 20 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted March 2013

COLOUR: Pale greenish-gold with luminous silver-grey highlights.

NOSE: Subtle aromas of aniseed and spice, with very refreshing overtones of citrus (candied lemon) and verbena.

PALATE: Fresh and savoury. Delicate lemon and toasty flavours. Elegant and vivacious, with a fine texture and a well-balanced, digestible aftertaste.



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