

# DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

## Volnay Clos des Santenots Premier 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 1.19 hectare plot

#### TERROIR

Located in the heart of Les Santenots du Milieu, with brown soil rich in magnesium on a layer of hard, rounded limestone.

Steep slope with perfect natural drainage. Situated in the middle of the slope facing due east.

### VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted and totally destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 20 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 new oak barrels.

Duration of barrel ageing: 18 months

#### TASTING NOTES

Tasted in June 2017

COLOUR: Dark ruby red with intense purple reflections.

NOSE: Delicate with fine spicy and toasty aromas, evolving after a few moments into flower notes.

PALATE: Elegant and subtle with tasty notes of fresh berries and sweet spices. Very long finish featuring exceptionally smooth tannins.

