



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Volnay Clos des Santenots Premier Cru 2016

Vintage 2016
26th-28th April: Devastating frost episode!

After a very mild winter and a warm spring weather in the second half of April, the bud break was advanced but the frost with high level of humidity at the end of the month destroyed the parcels with the best exposition. After the frost the vine was developing slowly. Acceleration in growth and the maturity of grapes were possible thanks to very warm and dry summer, with ripening that started quickly by mid-August. The harvest started on 20th September and the sanitary condition of the vineyard was perfect.

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 21 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 : 17 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in April 2018
COLOUR : Dark ruby red with purple disc.
NOSE : Fine and subtle nose with notes of dark berries (blackcurrant, blackberry, bilberry). Evolving with aeration into slightly spicy and vanilla notes.
PALATE : Tasty, generous and delicate. Fresh and beautifully toasty and fruity. Very long on the finish with ripe, fine and digestible tannins.

