



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Volnay Santenots Premier Cru 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% Pinot Noir on a 0.56 hectare plot

TERROIR

This vineyard, located in the commune of Meursault, is unusual in that it is entitled to produce Volnay-Santenots Premier Cru red wine if planted with Pinot Noir and Meursault-Santenots Premier Cru white wine if planted with Chardonnay. This very sunny terroir produces charming wines with a pronounced bouquet and elegant tannin.

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

100% ageing in oak barrels

Duration of ageing: 17 months.

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2009

COLOUR: Attractive ruby-red with purplish highlights

NOSE: Spicy, slightly toasty nose with hints of brioche and praline

Very smooth

PALATE: Soft, savoury and spicy

Fruity and delicious

Elegant, rich tannin

