



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Volnay 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% Pinot Noir on a 0.59 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 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: 15 months

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in July 2012

COLOUR: Brilliant, intense ruby-red with deep purple highlights.

NOSE: Charming, attractive aromas of red fruit (raspberry and redcurrant).

PALATE: Savoury, with fresh, delicious fruit and a rich, dense texture. Fresh, ripe and very elegant tannin. Very digestible aftertaste.



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