



### Quality and the balance on the harvest of Pinot Noir

The general yields of the Pinot Noir were low as expected and some vineyards had suffered from dryness (lacking maturity by blockage) making a sorting necessary.

The skins are thick and the colour extraction is good.

The sugar level is situated between 11° and 12°5.

The level of acidity is good but not exceptional with a relatively small part for the Malic-acid which was burnt by the high temperatures during the Summer resulting in a possible quick Malo-Lactic fermentation for this vintage 1997.

The yields are situated between 30 to 40 hectoliters/hectare

Comparative vintages : Wines for medium keeping (1985 - 1989).

### Quality and balance on the harvest of Chardonnay

Due to the advanced vegetation we were expecting an early harvest as in the south, south-west of France. None of this and the extra days of sunshine added an exceptional concentration to the grapes. The health was outstanding and sugar level increased very fast the last few days (+1°5 in one week). The balance of acidity was very good and here as well we are expecting a fast Malo-Lactic fermentation

The yields are good but inferior to the 1996 vintage with 40 to 54 hectoliters/hectare.

The wines do have a very nice and high aromatic potential, rich but not overpowering. The vintage will be of very good quality and close to the vintages 1985, 1979 and even 1992.

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