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PULIGNY-MONTRACHET - FRANCE

VINTAGE 2007

The 2006-7 winter was generally mild, with temperatures rarely below zero. The vegetation started to stir earlier than usual, with budding beginning on 15th March. Growth was not completely regular, but April was very warm, and May continued to be both warm and dry, allowing the more precocious parcels to start flowering from 20th May. However, from that moment fresher temperatures meant that the less precocious vines experienced a long and difficult flowering (millerandage). June brought sufficient rain to swell the grapes perfectly. Véraison started in mid-July but the weather forecast was poor, and numerous storms were experienced in this early summer season. At this stage during the year, 2007 presented itself as a precocious vintage. Beautiful, hot, bright weather set in towards 15th August and stayed in the region right up until the end of September.

Harvest dates for Pinot Noir: 28th August – 8th September 2007

Harvest dates for Chardonnay: 3rd – 18th September 2007

The Quality of the 2007 Vintage

Pinot Noir in the Côte de Beaune

The grapes were smaller in 2007, but there were more of them than in 2006. Ripeness was not homogenous, and it was essential to carefully sort thorough the grapes to ensure that only those that were fully ripe were kept. Following the fermentations, the wines are well coloured, the fruit being impeccable, the tannins fine but they are not particularly concentrated. They are delightful to taste; it is perhaps possible to compare them with certain 1997s.

Chardonnay in the Côte de Beaune and Côte Chalonnaise

The good weather allowed us to wait until the optimum moment to harvest, when the grapes had reached perfect maturity. As in 2004, the volume of grapes is quite good, and in addition the level of sugar is ideal, with the health of the grapes being perfect. Only the acidity is a little excessive (above all, malic). Following malolactic, the wines are fairly classic and elegant, if a little taut. They will benefit from further nourishment on their lees during the coming spring.

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