

Domaine Méo Camuzet Vintage Report: 2019

2019, in line with the vintages ending with « 9 »

Yes, it was a hot year, which is almost normal for a vintage ending with 9. It should be noted that, since 2015, they have all been hot years. The growing season, including winter, was marked by a significant rain deficit. Spring did not come particularly early, with a cool May. The end of the flowering foreshadowed the harvest between September the 18th and the 20th. A normal year though... This was without counting a sudden summer and therefore a rapid growth. Then there were some episodes of drought... The powdery mildew was a constant concern throughout the season but others diseases stayed away. The **berries were very healthy at harvest**, with only a few dried ones to remove.

In the meantime, the heat and the sun made the maturation evolve rapidly, making us change the harvest date constantly. Finally, the **green light was given on September the 13th**, almost a week before the original date... Despite a sometimes-mixed flowering, we found **very ripe grapes**, ready to be picked everywhere, including the Clos St Philibert, which did not have the usual ripeness gap with the other Côte vineyards. Alcohol **degrees sharply increased** and are very high (almost all wines are around 14%) but the good surprise is the **beautiful acidities**, which were quite biting at the beginning of the fermentation, with deep color extractions from the start. Many finished their fermentation easily and in the end, despite the high level of maturity, a zero-problem vinification.

The wines gave us great joy from the beginning: rich, deep, powerful and yet smooth... Marked by the high level of maturity but with balancing sweetness and acidity and a lot more intensity than the 2018. A very good base to start with...

In this case, what we have to avoid is the “grand millésime” syndrome, which means a little too much power that could hide the terroirs. It is not the case; the barrel ageing played its part and **the wines have refined**, all are well in line with their typical characteristics! This is reassuring regarding the concerns of the effects of climate change: Burgundy maintains its typicity...

We can expect the following evolution: a rich youth with some voluptuousness, the wines can already be enjoyed at this stage, for the sheer pleasure. After 2 to 3 years in bottle, a closed phase, best to avoid; **a rebirth after 8 to 10 years**, where tense wines will start to show their true selves and their beautiful balance. An ageing like the ... 2009!