

Domaine Roulot

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Weather conditions in 2013 reflected the following contrasts: relatively cool temperatures and a lack of sunshine seemed to refute the notion of global warming. However, heavy springtime showers followed by a violent hailstorm on July 23rd are in line with climatological predictions warning of an increased frequency in erratic and severe weather patterns.

The cool weather experienced during the growing season was instrumental in reducing the progression of mildew and oidium, both of which posed a significant threat early in the season. However, frequent springtime showers led to problems during flowering (loss of fruit and millerandage) resulting in lower yields. As for the July hailstorm, it predominantly affected the northeast sector of the appellation.

The height of summer was bathed in sunshine and warmth with September exhibiting a gloomier side. Thankfully, favorable weather returned at harvest time and picking began on September 25th. Alcohol levels, which range from 11°8 to 13°, are a nice result for the vintage. Acidity is on the higher end and the overall health of the fruit itself was good.

In barrel, everything progressed rapidly and soundly. Malos finished by mid-January and come springtime the wines were already very approachable. Rackings got underway in July of 2014. Once again, these last months of élevage in tank proved essential to fine-tuning the wines, giving them a more vertical profile.

As with 2012, 2013 is the product of a difficult growing season. It is a more forthcoming vintage than its predecessor though without its intensity. The wines are well defined, precise and of a fine quality. Regardless, the vignerons of the Côte de Beaune, hit anew by a devastating hailstorm in 2014, are disheartened to see their cellars once again so empty.

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