



2014 Chablis Vintage

“Perfect balance”

Harvest date – 15th September 2014

This latest vintage is very promising indeed, with good yields, although it will not completely make up for low levels of stock. After another year of surprising weather, September lived up to its reputation and played its part to the full in terms of ripening the grapes. The nascent wines are already promising good things, with lovely balance and intense colors. The final figures for volume won't be known until early 2015. However, initial estimates mark a return to normal for many producers, although there were a few disparities in some areas.

In the springtime, the 2014 vintage looked like being an early one and the vines profited from the hot and dry weather, which indicated an abundant harvest and healthy vines. The harvest nonetheless was affected in some places by shatter, when certain flowers do not develop into fruit.

In summer, the sun appeared to have gone on vacation elsewhere, and the advance gained at the start of the cycle was soon lost. However, despite the wet and chilly weather, maturation began to gather pace at the end of August. The sun returned along with a northerly wind during the first few days of September, providing ideal conditions for optimum ripening and ensuring the grapes remain in good health.

The harvest began in mid-September, in the sunshine and in good humor. The grapes brought into the wineries were ripe, healthy and aromatic. Fermentation went off with out a hitch, and the warm weather at the end of fall allowed the malolactic fermentations to being quickly.

2014 will be an excellent year for the Chablis wines.

The grapes, with optimum maturity thanks to the September sunshine, have now been vinified and are revealing perfect balance.

Their clear-cut, precise structure promises good keeping potential.

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