
Vignobles Clément Fayat

The characteristics of this vintage are derived from the remarkable weather conditions from April to June: on 13 April, we recorded a temperature of 28 °C on our properties. This very early summer weather prompted rapid, uniform flowering. The deep rooting of the vines and the water regulation provided by our clay soils were a blessing in these conditions of severe drought. This year, more than ever, the restructuring work in our vineyards also proved to be beneficial, allowing us to get through this dry period without difficulty. August was more conventional with a mixture of fine weather and rain. These conditions allowed the vine to reach each stage of its growth at the right time. Vine growth stopped early and abruptly.

The autumn sun provided the best possible conditions for ripening and allowed us to pick the plots of Merlots individually, and wait for the Cabernets. The Cabernets, the result of massal selection, were beautiful and showed unprecedented maturity and quality.

With grapes in such remarkably good health and a maturity of pips not seen since 2009 and 2010, we can safely say that we had great phenolic maturity. Again this year, we were able to carry out a very gentle extraction thanks to La Dominique's new vat-room, with a maceration period of around 4 weeks. The first juices showed the Merlot to be soft with a very fine tannic weave. The Cabernets delivered on their promise, displaying a lovely crunchy character and a tension hitherto unseen.

Budding: 15 April
Flowering: 27 May
Ripening : 1 August

Merlots: from 18 to 30 September
Cabernets: from 1 to 7 October



38 hl/ha

45 hl/ha

Merlots : 40 hl/ha

Cabernets Francs : 30 hl/ha

Cabernets Sauvignons : 28 hl/ha

14°

3.75

14°

3.7

55%

45%