

VINE CYCLE CONDITIONS 2017 VINTAGE



The winter was dry with a distinct lack of water in the sandy and gravelly soils. By the end of winter very mild temperatures had set in, enabling the vines to bud very early, around March 15th, which led to very rapid vegetation growth.

In April, the vineyard was about two weeks ahead of a so-called normal year. A number of fruit-bearing shoots were hit by spring frosts occurring on two mornings and resulted in a reduction of crop yields in certain plots. The vines were completely free of disease, and the flowering went very quickly thanks to very favourable weather conditions.

The summer was very hot and dry, and the small amount of rain that fell enhanced the quality of the grapes and the ripening process. Very high quality grapes were harvested at earlier dates than the previous year, and this high quality was homogeneous across the vineyard.

The first tastings of the juices revealed a wide palette of aromas counter-balanced by lovely acidity guaranteeing the tension we seek in our wines.