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Beaune Coucherias 1^{er} Cru 2019

Vintage 2019

"- Spring frost - Staggered blooming phase - High temperatures during fruit set - Summer drought- The weather conditions had a major impact on the yields."

After an exceptionally mild winter, the vine quickly resumed its activity and saw its first buds burst as early as April 1st. Once again, spring frost was threatening the vine.

Slowed down by the fresh temperatures of May, flowering started painfully in early June, lasted for about two weeks, and ended around June 20th, under an intense heat.

From this moment, the vine developed at a frantic pace but the high temperatures during the fruit set caused important symptoms of sagging.

In late July, a new heat wave disbursed the veraison : by mid-August, it lied between 50% and 80%, but showed great disparity from one plot to another, mainly because of the staggered blooming.

Despite the heat in September, the heterogeneity of the veraison made it hard for us to forecast the harvest date. We had to check the maturity several times, plot by plot, according to the age of the vine and the sector. With all these elements in our possession, we decided to start picking on September 9th, 2019, which is eight to nine days earlier than initially planned when, flowering ended.

The 2019 vintage, very affected by weather hazards, is characterized by low yields. The grapes of Chardonnay and Pinot Noir, perfectly healthy, offered a great balance between sugars and acidity, and a complete ripeness.

TERROIR

« Les Coucherias » are located on the south/south-east slope, at an altitude of about 250m, amongst former quarries used for the construction of the city of Beaune (limestone and marl).

Grape variety: 100% Chardonnay

VINIFICATION & AGEING

Whole bunches of grapes were handpicked into small crates and the pressed in a pneumatic winepress. Alcoholic fermentation and ageing entirely in oak barrels. 100% malolactic fermentation.

Duration of ageing: 17 months.

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2021

COLOUR : Luminous green gold with silver highlights.

NOSE : Discreet with lightly floral notes (acacia), opening out on on notes of small yellow fruits (mirabelle plum) and slightly toasty.

PALATE : Generous, slightly brioche and lemony notes. Good sapidity on the finish.



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