

Vintage Report 2010

Louis Jadot President, Pierre-Henry Gagey, reports

“Overall, following a challenging vintage, we are happy with the quality of the grapes we have harvested this year. The resulting juices, now fermenting, show promise of developing into good, and in some cases very good, wines. At Louis Jadot we are lucky to have a skilful team both in the vineyard and the winery, which allows us to approach variable vintages, such as this one, with some confidence.

“2010 has been an unpredictable year in Burgundy. The winter was very long and cold, resulting in late bud-burst. Flowering was disrupted by heat and rain, until the end of June when the sun came out bringing life to the vines.

“During the first four months of the year we had to pay a great deal of attention to the vines in order to avoid mildew. Frosts, uneven flowering and some fungal diseases contributed to crop thinning. However, through close monitoring and constant activity in the vineyards we were able to ensure healthy development of the majority of grapes.

“During the summer we were hit with hail in some villages such as Chablis, Pouilly Fuissé, Santenay and Chassagne. Fortunately in September good weather arrived which allowed us to harvest in good conditions. The vintage began on 21st September.

“We had a consistently good result from the harvest in the Côte de Nuits. In the Côte de Beaune, careful sorting through the grapes was necessary because rain had been more frequent here.’

“Overall the crop was quite small compared to some other years but the results are much more promising than many had anticipated.

White wines : Malolactic fermentation is now taking place. The wines are still very attractive and full of energy. We will be able to rate the vintage, probably between good and very good, before the end of June.

We have the same feeling about the red wines which are now showing a lot of charm.”



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