

2012

Vintage Report



CHAMPAGNE
TAITTINGER
Reims

In volume terms, Taittinger's 2012 harvest was 8.456 kg/ha, an average yield considering some of the climatic hazards experienced during the year (winter frost, spring frost, hail, millerandage, downy mildew and scalding). However, it was in line with the average estimate made by the CIVC for all of Champagne, at 8.500 kg / ha.

Overall, there will not be a shortage as a result of this average harvest, as all producers have reserve wines in stock and this can be unlocked up to 11.000 kg/ha for growers who have not reached the 2012 ceiling for the appellation.

In terms of quality, the harvest 2012 is set to be exceptional, this was due in part to the health status of clusters brought to the press houses (not a single grain of grey mould), and also the degree of possible "marcs de champagne" that we pressed. With all presses combined, the average degree of alcohol achieved is 10.47%.

The climatic conditions that led to the maturation of the grapes were exceptional. In contrast with 2011, we experienced dry and sunny conditions in August and September, without being too warm. During the harvest, a few mornings were particularly cold, close to frost, but overall, the great weather prevailed throughout the harvest period, with good weather and cool nights. These conditions lead us to believe that the wines, although from a very ripe harvest, will be of great finesse.

Finally, in terms of analysis, the average degree of alcohol is of 10.5%.vol and total acidity is 7.9 g/L. The pH value is lower than the average of the last 10 years at 3.02. Therefore, enological parameters are optimal, and everything suggests that the "vins clairs" will be elegant, with finesse, freshness and aromatic complexity. Taittinger is very optimistic about the potential of the 2012 vintage.



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