

2016

Vintage Report



Harvest 2016 has been unusual: a very late harvest date, characterized by good weather and high temperatures provided excellent conditions for tasty, healthy and very clean fruit of good quality, color and structure.

The summer was very dry, with temperatures well above the average and many days surpassing 35°C/95°F, so there were areas in Rioja where the vineyards suffered. This water stress was reflected in a slow and heterogeneous ripening of the vineyards. In some areas, the grapes did not reach full ripening in terms of sugar levels - but very good acid and tannin ripeness.

At CVNE, we started harvesting (white varieties) on September 19th, but had to suspend picking on September 24th, to wait for optimum maturation of the red grapes. The majority of picking was conducted from October 4th, ending October 31st.

As for quantity, our yields were abundant and in line with the Regulatory Council for this campaign, which also noted yields have been higher than previous campaigns. We can confirm that it has been an excellent vintage for CVNE. Our Technical Director stated that 2016 is a potential year for the production of great Reservas and Gran Reservas.



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