

2017

Vintage Report



This year marked an unprecedented early completion of the harvest for the entire region of Rioja, but with a very positive balance in terms of quality. Thus, this vintage will be remembered at CVNE for being one of the earliest and shortest harvests to date, since we started picking at the end of August, approximately 20 days earlier than usual and completed harvest by mid-October.

The weather conditions once again dictated the harvest. The frost that occurred on April 28 in Rioja Alta and Rioja Alavesa resulted in a smaller harvest this year compared to last year, but the very dry summer coupled with light rain in September favoured complete maturation of very healthy grapes. As a result we have grapes that are slightly riper than usual with slightly lower acidity that will ultimately deliver wines with great colour and good structure.

We are currently finalizing fermentations at the winery and can already foresee that the wines will be of very good quality and that the vintage will be regarded as excellent. Without doubt, this will be a very good year for our Imperial.

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