

# 2018

Vintage Report



  
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Winter temperatures were colder than in previous years. Spring burst early, 10 to 15 days in advance of last year, but fortunately, there was no spring frost. The vines grew very quickly this year meaning our viticulturalists had to work hard in the vineyards. Fortunately, spells of heat were punctuated by bursts of rain.

Flowering was homogeneous for our red varieties, less so for the whites due to the rain and cooler temperatures that followed.





The first heat wave came in early July, followed by several others. The vine did not show a lot of activity as temperatures were above 35°C. Young plants that could reach water started to wither as the drought continued.

At the beginning of September the grapes were very acidic with very little sugar.

We waited until the 7th of September to start harvesting the white and rosé in order to keep the freshness. After this period, the grapes managed to find the right balance between aromas, sugar and acidity and due to the heat during the harvest we picked in the early morning. The harvest finished on 28th of September



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