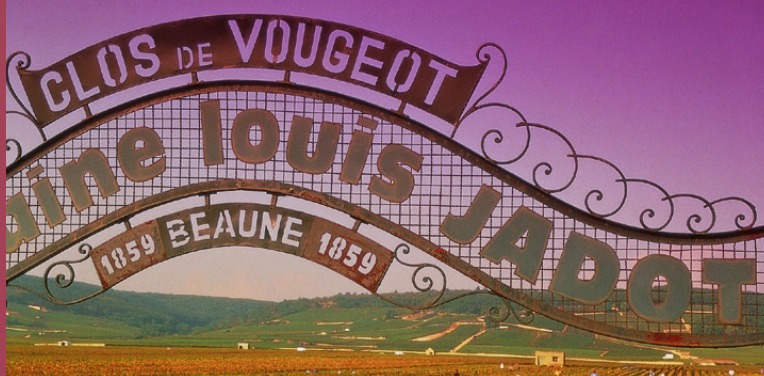


2018

Vintage Report



Winter arrived late and was exceptionally rainy. Sunshine did not arrive properly until April, when the first signs of budbreak showed. At this point, the cycle was neither late nor early and the vines could develop in perfectly bright conditions. In fact, brightness proved to be the hallmark of the vintage with remarkable levels of sunshine from April to September.

Thanks to hot and humid conditions in May, the vines continued to grow healthily with minimal hail and disease damage. After a very dry period, July saw localised thunderstorms that hit the Côte de Nuits and the south of Nuits Saint-Georges with hail but luckily damage was not too bad.

The vines remained healthy and the sun shone consistently throughout summer; what was unusual was the high temperatures and lack of rain (particularly in Mâconnais and Chablis). Ripening was therefore long and slow – the berries were still fairly firm with thick skins by the end of August. Luckily, the weather allowed the grapes to ripen fully and picking began right at the end of August. 2018 has created rich and opulent whites and a level of concentration in the reds that is rarely seen.

