2018 Vintage Report





2018 was the rainiest winter for 60 years. Though average temperatures were normal, this does not reflect how variable the conditions of 2018 were: a harsh December, a mild January and a cold February. As a result, budburst happened late in mid-April.

Spring was a turning point: sunny, dry and warm, which allowed the vines to catch up and indeed continue ahead of the curve. Mid June then marked the beginning of a drought that continued until the first days of harvest. Despite a few welcome showers, summer saw temperatures that averaged around 3 degrees above the norm, making it the second hottest summer on record.

Harvest began right at the end of August and had to be done vigilantly to avoid over-concentration in the grapes picked later – the heatwave continued. 2018 could well be compared to 2009 with deep colour, complex aromas and remarkable fruit intensity







