

# 2018

Vintage Report



CHAMPAGNE  
**TAITTINGER**  
*Reims*

2018 was a particularly hot and dry spring and summer period.

The groundwater tables were well recharged at the end of winter and the vines did not suffer too much from the rainfall deficit.

This is particularly true for the chalky soils of the Côte des Blancs and Montagne de Reims, which were acting as a formidable sponge and gave the plant a regular supply of water.

The speedy development of the vine was important since the first snips of the secateurs were given on the 27th of August. The first juices arrived in the winery with beautiful balance. The last day of harvest was on the 10th of September.

In 2003, Champagne started the harvest in August for the first time since ... 1893! Since then, 2007, 2011 and 2017 have also started in August. This year, we started in August on a particularly prosperous harvest, one of the most abundant in the history of Champagne. The volume of grapes was very important. The plant had matured without difficulty thanks to the recent weeks' unusual weather conditions.

### **What are the main features of this harvest?**

Even though it is recommended to always be a little careful as long as a harvest has not returned to the winery, it is the enthusiasm that prevails here.

The weather was beautiful with some good rains, mild temperatures, seasonal and cool nights – all conducive to good aromatic development.

The health condition was exceptional ... it is extremely rare, on all observation networks in Champagne, that there is no rot at all. As far as we are concerned, we do not have any memory of a vineyard that has been so healthy for such a long time.

Quantity and quality are there with a very reassuring forecast.



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