

# 2020

Vintage Report



CHAMPAGNE  
**TAITTINGER**  
*Reims*

Champagne Taittinger's 2020 harvest can be largely characterised by its early arrival. From the beginning of the wine-growing year, vines were ahead by 15 days in comparison to the previous ten years – which in itself had been an early decade. The growing season continued in this manner and harvest began on 15<sup>th</sup> August with press houses opening early.

We have every reason to be delighted with the quality of this harvest. It is very healthy and there is no botrytis. There are fewer bunches of grapes but larger ones of wonderful quality, making picking considerably easier.

We started harvest with the black grapes, which ripened a lot earlier this year. Picking finished in the Côte des Bar on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, which has never happened before in the history of Champagne Taittinger. We had to be a bit more patient with the Chardonnay in order to achieve alcohol levels and maturity, especially for the plots that produce for our Prestige cuvée, Comtes de Champagne, and Folies de la Marquetterie.

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