

NEWSLETTER

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A word about the 2025 vintage



The 2025 vintage is among the earliest in recent decades. After a budbreak that was about average, the mild spring and then the early summer heat quickly set the tone. Flowering, which was steady and early, took place under favorable conditions in early June. A few thunderstorms punctuated the summer, but pressure from downy mildew and powdery mildew remained low at the estate. As a result, the foliage retained its quality and played its essential role in ensuring proper ripening right through the harvest.

We began **the harvest on August 23 for the whites**, followed by **the reds on August 25**. The first few days were marked by summery weather, allowing us to bring in grapes of exceptional concentration. The pace then slowed with the return of rain in early September, and we completed the harvest between September 2 and 8 for the reds and the Aligotés.

Yields for the white wines remained **low**, similar to those of 2024. The heat wave around August 15 caused significant evaporation of the water contained in the berries, resulting in a volume loss that we estimate at nearly 30%. This natural concentration produced juices that were dense, deep, and beautifully aromatic. The **reds** weathered this period with greater resilience: Pinot Noir withstood the heat better, and the first rains in September coincided with the end of its ripening, allowing for **more satisfactory yields**.

The style of the vintage is now very clearly evident. The **2025** vintage offers wines of **great concentration**, yet their freshness remains intact. The **whites** combine **density, vibrancy and tension**, with a body that is both full-bodied and well-structured. The **reds** stand out for the depth of their **fruit**, the **delicacy** of their structure and **their precise balance**.

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The **first berries to ripen** appeared in early July, an average of about seven days earlier than in the 2020, 2022, and 2025 vintages. The 2026 vintage maintains its lead over 2020 and remains, to date, the earliest vintage of the past 10 years.



Day after day, the **2026** vintage is proving to be exceptionally early. Thanks to particularly mild weather conditions right after winter ended, the vines experienced rapid and uniform vegetative growth. By mid-June, all green pruning had been completed, reflecting the remarkable advance in the growing cycle. At this stage of the season, 2026 ranks among **the earliest vintages ever recorded**.

Flowering, which occurred over the Pentecôte weekend under sunny, summer-like conditions, took place under ideal circumstances despite already very high temperatures, reaching up to 34 °C in some plots. The vines then continued their development with **fruit set**, observed during the last week of June, once again amid extreme heat: for nearly ten days, temperatures as high as 45 °C were recorded in certain areas of the vineyard. A third heat wave is currently settling over the vineyard. With no significant rain forecast for the coming days, vigilance is essential: the first signs of water stress are now appearing on the grape clusters.



Given the conditions observed in recent weeks, and provided there are no delays in ripening during veraison, the harvest could begin between August 17 and 20.

However, this early development has been accompanied by the first signs of **water stress**. Following the heat waves in late June, symptoms of stress began to appear as early as the first days of July on some plots. Special attention is being paid to young plantations, which have received occasional irrigation to help them weather these periods of intense heat.



From a **health perspective**, the condition of the vineyard remains excellent to date. The very low rainfall recorded since the start of the growing season has significantly limited the spread of fungal diseases. However, in the absence of significant rainfall, water stress is expected to intensify in the coming weeks.



In light of these **exceptional weather conditions**, we are adapting our viticultural practices to best **preserve** the **vineyard's balance**. Pruning is carefully adjusted to maintain protective shade over the clusters while minimizing unnecessary competition. Similarly, soil cultivation is carried out during the coolest hours of the day to minimize water competition as much as possible. This daily vigilance remains essential to provide the best possible care for a vintage whose early ripening and extreme conditions may already be making history in the Burgundy vineyards.



June marked our first participation in the **Musique & Vin festival at Clos Vougeot**. It was a wonderful experience that allowed us to introduce our wines at the various events organized throughout the week, where classical music and fine wines come together.

We also had the pleasure of hosting a dinner at the estate for a few of our clients. It was a convivial evening, filled with lively conversations about our wines, which we hope to repeat at future editions of the festival.

We are delighted to have shared this first event and hope it will lead to many more to come.



A second vintage that's taking off

The vast majority of the **2024 vintage** left the estate before the start of summer. This second vintage marks another important milestone in our journey, and **we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you** for your loyalty and trust, despite the challenges posed by this harvest's very low yields.

It is with great pleasure that we follow your tastings, your posts, and your impressions especially on Instagram which extend the life of our wines far beyond the estate. Your enthusiasm and support encourage us every day to continue this adventure with the same high standards and the same passion.

After these particularly intense past few months, the entire team will be taking a few days off from July 17 to August 10, so that we can approach the new harvest which is shaping up to be particularly early in the best possible condition. The coming weeks should also provide an opportunity to unveil **some exciting new developments** that we've been working on with great enthusiasm.

We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you again very soon so we can continue this adventure together.






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