



2018 : an outstanding vintage

In the first few days of 2019, the batches that will be blended into our Grands Crus in the next few weeks were tasted, confirming the exceptional quality of our various grape varieties.

The 2018 vintage was marked by two periods of extreme weather, which were nevertheless complementary:

A rainy period from January to early July

A year's worth of rainfall in just 7 months! The development of vine diseases, on top of several severe hailstorms, marked a stressful time for winegrowers. However, water reserves in the soil were at their highest.

And then came the miracle...

A period of warm, dry, sunny weather from July to the end of the harvest

These four long, glorious months were conducive to growing powerful grapes at optimum ripeness, as well as, unusually for Bordeaux, record concentration of berries in September and October.

Without ever suffering from drought thanks to water reserves accumulated over the first period, each grape variety was picked when perfectly ripe with no need to hurry. The harvest of white grapes took place from late August to mid-September while the red grapes were gathered from late September to early October.

Alternating hot days and cool nights resulted in a freshness and aromatic complexity that has rarely been achieved before. The combination of these two major weather events resulted in grapes of outstanding quality.

We invite you to come and discover our great wines during a series of tastings on the 1st to the 4th of April 2019. A wonderful En Primeur week is in store!

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