



CHÂTEAU DES JACQUES



BEOORDELINGEN VINTAGE 2016

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Beaujolais 2016 Vintage: Wines of Elegance and Charm

The first tastings reveal a beautifully seductive vintage, with fine, supple tannins and superb fruit.

“The 2016 vintage has a focus on elegance rather than power, and maintains perfect balance between acidity, fruit and structure... a combination of freshness and gourmandise”, notes Bertrand Chatelet, Director of the Institute for viticultural and oenological research in Beaujolais.

Toby Morrhall van The Wine Society

Beaujolais 2016: a gorgeous vintage

“2016 has turned out to be a gorgeous vintage, a little riper and fruitier than the lovely 2014 vintage, yet fresh and vibrant. Indeed all the qualities one expects are there in abundance.”

Geoffrey Avé van La Revue du Vin de France:

“Wat mij opvalt aan vintage 2016 is dat de omstandigheden binnen de Beaujolais enorm van elkaar verschilden. Vooral de noordelijke Beaujolais werd flink getroffen door vorst en hagel.

Beaujolais 2016 is een vintage die over het algemeen mooi rijp is, maar niet overrijp, en dit met een prachtige energie. De verfijnde zuren en de minerale tonen van het terroir - graniet – zetten de toon voor de wijnen van 2016. Elegante en vooral verteerbare wijnen met veel frisheid, vers fruit en heerlijk sap. Vintage 2016 is rijp en tegelijkertijd zeer klassiek.”



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The 2016 Vintage at Château des Jacques

The first three months of 2016 were characterised by the relatively mild conditions and heavier-than-average rainfall. Towards the end of March we could state with certainty that the winter of 2015-16 had been the mildest since 1900! Ironically enough, the cold weather blew in with spring. Budbreak took place around the 11th of April, more or less, as a result – and then a heavy spring frost on the 19th of April threatened more than 13,000 hectares of vineyards in Burgundy. Thanks to its southerly location, Beaujolais was spared heavy damages. Spring continued unsettled, with frequent periods of cool temperatures and high levels of humidity, and as a result growth in the vineyard was delayed by a fortnight compared to the average over the course of the previous 30 years. On 27 May Fleurie and Chiroubles were battered by a hailstorm, wiping out all the hard work conducted in the vineyard since budbreak. Elsewhere the first flowers were seen around mid-June, particularly on the south-facing slopes of la Rochelle and Roche Noire. Flowering coincided with the arrival of some summery weather. Sadly, the sunny conditions came to an end when a second hailstorm devastated an even larger area than the first storm – around 2,250 hectares right across the Beaujolais region. The damage struck in Fleurie and Chiroubles, once again, but it was our parcels of Bellevue in Morgon and Champ de Cour in Moulin-à-Vent that were situated at the heart of the storm.

After the storm, the weather gods smiled once again, and July was relatively warm and very sunny, helping the vineyards to recover from their wounds. Nevertheless, rain persisted, and as a result we needed to keep a careful eye on the vines at all times to ensure that the bunches stayed healthy. Dry conditions returned in August, allowing the ripening process to pick up the pace at last.

While it was clear that harvest would be late, the Indian summer that set in over the course of September allowed us to bide our time. The first bunches were picked on 19 September at la Rochelle and on the southern slopes of our Côte du Py, making 2016 the second-latest harvest (after 2013) in 25 years.

After the extraordinary conditions of 2015, 2016 was a tense year for growers. Conditions swung relentlessly between frequent rainfall, cool conditions, heat spikes and even periods of drought during the ripening period – it was, in fact, a textbook lesson on the implications of climate change. The intensity, depth and structural elegance of the wines from Carquelin, Rochegrès, Thorins and Côte du Py, too, in 2016 paid testimony to the perfect harmony between Gamay and the volcanic terroirs of Beaujolais.


Cyril CHIROUZE



Côte du Py
MORGON

As with the Côte de Brouilly, this climat is known for being situated on diorite, a bluish rock derived from underwater volcanoes that were active in an era that predates the formation of the granitic soils. In 2016 the Côte du Py benefited from the fact that this rock is richer than the neighbouring granite, which lends the wine aromatic complexity (white pepper, blackberries...) and a notable density in this late vintage.





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Clos de Rochegrès

MOULIN-À-VENT

Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée

2016

Récolté, vinifié, élevé et mis en bouteilles au Château
Romanèche-Thorins - France

Clos de Rochegrès
MOULIN-À-VENT

With its highest point situated at 361 metres of altitude, Rochegrès overlooks the Moulin-à-Vent appellation. Like Carquelin or la Roche, its soils are mostly shallow and granitic, but with more clay than would be found close to the windmill itself. Above all else, it should be noted that this parcel is traversed by numerous seams of quartz. Rochegrès 2016, despite being somewhat restrained, is showing great generosity and a silky structure with no trace of harshness.





Clos du Grand Carquelin
MOULIN-À-VENT

Despite the fact that it is located just a few metres away from la Roche, the Clos du grand Carquelin was largely spared from the damage caused by both the hailstorms. Whatever the vintage conditions, it always reveals a different character to its neighbour, thanks to its soils, which are both deeper and richer in clay, as well as its sunnier exposure. Its floral nose and sumptuous palate, together with its fine tannins, show that 2016 has allowed this parcel to retain its fundamental personality.





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Clos des Thorins

MOULIN-À-VENT

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Romanèche-Thorins - France

Clos des Thorins
MOULIN-À-VENT

Located close to Carquelin, the Thorins climat benefits from a full southerly exposure, and a layer of granite that is clearly richer and deeper, allowing the Gamay roots to benefit fully from a greater abundance of organic matter. In 2016, this climat, which gives its name to the village, shows incredible depth of fruit and structure.

