



DOMAINE JACQUES PRIEUR

Volnay Champans Premier Cru 2023



Vintage 2023

"Green harvest at the end of July + summer temperatures at the end of August = very good quality potential for the 2023 harvest".

After a very mild, dry winter, the vines were soon active again. The first green tips were observed at the end of March.

The development of the vegetative cycle was slowed by very cool weather in April and the second half of May.

Bright sunshine and high temperatures in June reawakened the vegetation, and the vines began to grow rapidly. Closing of the bunches (around July 1) took place only 3 weeks after the mid-flowering stage. High water levels during the summer, combined with gloomy, almost autumnal weather in the first two weeks of August, slowed down veraison and ripening, but miraculously the weather changed radically around August 20 and conditions became summer-like again. The grapes ripened very quickly under the scorching temperatures, provided the overloaded vines had been unloaded.

Harvesting at the estate began on August 31 for Chardonnay and September 9 for Pinot Noir.

GRAPE VARIETY & PLOT SIZE

Grape variety : 100% Pinot Noir on a 0.35 hectare plot

TERROIR

The wines of Volnay are famous for their great finesse. The name of the climat "Les Champans" is derived the fact that this plot is fairly steep - which means good sun exposure and thus good ripening.

The soil has more clay than limestone, and produces firm wines with silky tannin.

VINIFICATION & AGEING

The grapes were handpicked into small crates, then sorted, 29% whole grapes and the rest destemmed. The wine stayed on the skins for 21 days in temperature-controlled open oak vats. Pigeage (punching down the cap) was done twice a day during alcoholic fermentation.

100% malolactic fermentation

Entirely aged in oak barrels

Duration of barrel ageing : 17 months

Organic Wine

TASTING NOTES

Tasted in February 2025

COLOUR : Deep reddish-black with violet highlights.

NOSE : Intense black fruity, vanilla-spicy.

PALATE : Generous, powerful, thick and dense. Ripe black fruit, spicy-peppery notes evolving into tobacco. Structured finish with concentrated tannins.



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