



## The 2015 Vintage: Simply Sublime!

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***In 2015, the grapes were just perfect. The fruit was in impeccable condition and at optimal ripeness; the winning duo. One year after the harvests, tasting confirms what everyone anticipated: The generous wines from this sunny vintage will be noteworthy.***

Things went very fast in 2015, both in the vineyards and the winery. Flowering took place in early June, followed by *véraison* in mid-July, with the start of harvesting at the end of August. The weather dictated the tempo. Winemakers had to adapt to this sustained pace and these unusual conditions, which resulted in some magnificent grapes, the foundation of a great vintage

In terms of volumes, certain appellations did not reach their maximum, particularly for the reds. The overall harvest totaled 1.518 million hectoliters, up 7% on the average over the last five years.



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### White Wines

#### Chablis and Grand Auxerrois

In Chablis and the Grand Auxerrois, the wines have great aromatic quality. They express pleasant notes of ripe fruit and citrus, and show a lovely suppleness whilst retaining sufficient crispness.

The 2015 vintage is superb and can be drunk young, while the Chablis *Premier Cru* and *Grand Cru* will benefit from lengthy ageing.

#### Côte de Beaune

Richness and concentration are the watchwords of this vintage. The nose typical exhibits intense floral and fruity notes. Upon aeration, they also reveal notes of nuts and spices. They are full and generous in the mouth, with impressive body and length.

Here again, 2015 is without doubt an admirable vintage.

#### Côte Chalonnaise

The wines are rich and dense, with wonderful aromas of ripe fruit and nuts. They are opulent and perfectly balanced in the mouth.

They can already be enjoyed, but these wines also have good ageing potential.

## Mâconnais

2015 is a magnificent vintage, offering well-structured wines with great aromatic depth. They are both broad and powerful, without losing any of the elegance which characterizes them.

## Red wines

### Grand Auxerrois

These wines are fleshy and smooth, with nicely rounded tannins. They are indulgent wines that can be served young. A very fine vintage.

### Côte de Nuits

The wines are deeply colored and offer an unusual aromatic palette of well-ripe red and black fruit, overlaid with delicate floral notes and subtle aromas of spice and nuts. The mouth is balanced, full, and with great smoothness. Their rounded and silky tannins underscore the deliciousness of the 2015 vintage, which is undoubtedly one of great class.

### Côte de Beaune

The wines are showing spectacular aromatic expression. Fragrances of berries mingle with those of ripe fruit and spices. The tempered acidity and softness of the tannins give the wines a pleasant roundedness and ensure a very nice finish. Another superb vintage!

### Côte Chalonnaise

The nose is dazzling, dominated by intense notes red berries and spices. In the mouth, the wine is structured, full-bodied, and perfectly balanced. The tannins provide a remarkable framework, whilst remaining very silky. This is a vintage of exceptional quality with strong ageing potential.



*This press release only offers a general snapshot.*

*Because each wine and each winemaker is unique, wines need to be tasted individually before being characterized.*

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