



The 2017 vintage

All the elegance of Bourgogne wine

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In 2017, Bourgogne enjoyed a return to average yields, in particular in terms of red wines, which were also very high in quality. The markets caught on very quickly and were soon clamoring for this typically elegant Bourgogne vintage.

The vines' growth cycle benefited from a very warm summer, and with budburst in early April, it was ahead of norms and maintained this lead right up to the harvest. Everything happened very quickly. There were a few spells of heatwave over the summer, alternating with some rather

mixed weather. Ripening nonetheless progressed at a good pace. At the end of August, the first grapes were harvested, two weeks ahead of the average. The harvest continued to mid-September, each plot being picked when it reached optimum ripeness. The only downside was that some areas that were impacted by spring frost did not provide the yields that had been hoped for, mostly for the white wines.

A year later, tastings have confirmed first impressions: There are some fine wines out there from the 2017 vintage!

White wines:

■ **Chablis and the Grand Auxerrois**

Ripening occurred in good conditions and the wines offer excellent quality. Their aromatic expression is marked by dominant floral and fruity notes. They are remarkably balanced in the mouth and their concentration and tension are underscored by a very pleasant vigor on the finish. 2017 is an elegant vintage with a very promising future.

■ **Côte de Beaune**

The grapes were consistent with undeniable quality. The wines offer citrus notes mixed with touches of pear, peach, and apricot. They are broad in the mouth, and magnificently balanced with a lively and flavorful finish. A wonderful vintage with excellent keeping potential.

■ **Côte Chalonnaise**

Like its neighbor to the north, the Côte Chalonnaise produced high-quality wines, but with some disparities. Wines from the north are precise and aromatic, with wonderful tension. Those from the south are rich, smooth, and indulgent, with aromas of ripe white- and yellow-fleshed fruit. A very fine vintage.

■ Mâconnais

These wines are particularly fruity, smooth, and balanced, with wonderful body. Their vigor is paired with a very pleasant, indulgent character. An excellent vintage.

Red wines:

■ Grand Auxerrois

2017 is a very interesting vintage with wines marked by intense floral and fruity notes of red berries and spice, and wonderful balance with silky tannins. A delicious finish means they can be enjoyed in their youthful prime.

■ Côte de Nuits

2017 is a high-quality vintage. The wines are intensely aromatic, marked by intense floral and fruity notes. They are forthright and superbly elegant, rounded in the mouth and perfectly balanced. Their texture, underscored by sophisticated and smooth tannins, is very agreeable. Good length and fine keeping potential.

■ Côte de Beaune

The weather allowed the grapes to reach optimum maturity. The resulting wines offer intensely fruity flavors of ripe red and black berries, along with a few pleasing touches of spice. In the mouth, they are perfectly balanced, with smooth, silky tannins and good body. A very fine vintage that can be enjoyed young, but which will also keep very happily for a few years.

■ Côte Chalonnaise

A little *millerandage* is the reason for these deeply colored, concentrated wines. Their aromatic expression and structure are superb. Ripe and silky tannins integrate into a sophisticated and tight structure. A superb vintage with impressive keeping 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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