



BOURGOGNE

Bureau Interprofessionnel des Vins de Bourgogne

## Harvests in Bourgogne: The 2019 vintage worthy of a year with a nine

Bourgogne, 2 October 2019

***The 2019 harvests in Bourgogne are now over. Picking the grapes, which were of exceptional quality, began at the end of August in early-ripening areas. The favorable weather helped maturity. But this vintage was notable for the fact that weather episodes throughout the year led to some disparities in terms of yield which varied significantly from sector to sector.***

Winter was generally mild, except for January, which resulted in an early start to the growth cycle. There was abundant precipitation in December, but rain became scarce from mid-January onwards. The vines began to grow in the last few days of March and mid-budburst was reached early, in the first few days of April for the earliest plots.

There was a marked drop in temperature on the night of 4 to 5 April. This was accompanied by frost, which caused varying degrees of damage depending on the area, the drop in temperature, and the stage of the vine's development on the night. The Mâconnais was the most impacted, being hit by particularly low temperatures. Things did not warm up again until mid-April, when the later-developing areas reached mid-budburst a little later than usual.

A cool spell in early June slowed flowering and, as a result, pushed back fruit set. Nonetheless, the first flowers were observed at the start of the month in those areas that were more advanced. These sudden changes in weather caused *millerandage* and shatter in certain sectors.

Summer was warmer than average, with lots of sunshine. The lack of rainfall lasted into September. Nonetheless, a few showers in mid-August helped trigger *véraison*. This progressed at a good pace, but was quite varied depending on the sector. Ripening also occurred at a sustained pace, facilitated by favorable weather and temperatures higher than seasonal averages. This was, however, variable depending on the area, sometimes even within the same plot.



Chardonnay - © BIVB / [www.armellephotographe.com](http://www.armellephotographe.com)

The first harvests destined for the production of Crémant de Bourgogne began on 31 August in the Mâconnais. For still wines, the start dates for the Mâconnais, the Côte Chalonnaise and the Côte de Beaune were all in the first half of September. On the Côte de Nuits and in Chablis / Grand Auxerrois, picking began from 10 September onwards. The Hautes Côtes brought up the rear, and will be finished by the first week in October.

The 2019 vintage is without any doubt a peculiar one. The weather events at the start of the growth cycle and the drought during summer had an impact on volumes that was more or less significant depending on the area.

But the mood among winemakers is good, since the common denominator across the whole region is the high quality of the grapes. They were harvested in excellent health, with a perfect sugar-acid balance, promising a great year with wines of typical Burgundian elegance.

Fermentation for the whites started easily, thanks to a good balance of acidity and optimal ripeness, foretelling an elegant and balanced vintage.

Fermentation is progressing well for the reds, and first impressions suggest deep color and refinement.

The tastings ahead of the Hospices de Beaune wine auctions in early November should once again confirm the local dictum that Bourgogne wines made in a year with a nine in the number tend to be among the best.



**Contact:**

**Cécile Mathiaud - Head of PR for the BIVB**

Tel. +33 (0)3 80 25 95 76 - +33 (0)6 08 56 85 56 - [cecile.mathiaud@bivb.com](mailto:cecile.mathiaud@bivb.com)

Find all our press releases and thousands of rights-free photos in our online press room, [click here](#).

**Subscribe to the online press room Alerts: [click here](#).**

FOLLOW US:

