



*Area : 8 ha*

*Average Age of the Vines : 35 years old*

*Average Annual Production : 20 000 bottles*

*Grape Variety : Pinot Noir*

## Vintage 2018

2018 is an early-harvest vintage marked by a spring and summer that were very hot and dry, resulting in very complete ripeness and perfectly healthy grapes.

After a relatively mild and rainy winter 2017-2018, the cool, damp start of spring forecast a rather late harvest. The return of hot weather in April changed all that and the vines then set off growing very rapidly through to the end of summer. At the domain, the whole team had to double their efforts to keep up with the very active vine growth. Vine-flowering passed off perfectly from end May, announcing a harvest at the very beginning of September. The rainfall shortage in spring and summer did not pose a major problem for our vines, probably thanks to water reserves accumulated during the winter. Rainstorms in the month of July allowed the vines to reach perfect ripeness at the beginning of September. Unfortunately, the storms on 3rd and 15th July provoked outbreaks of hail that seriously impacted on our sector of the Hautes-Côtes de Nuits (average loss of crop at 50%) and our parcel of 'Les Chalots' located in Nuits-Saint-Georges (loss of around 30%).

We began harvesting on 4th September on the 'Côte' and finished on 17th September in the Hautes-Côtes. Grape healthiness was absolutely perfect and sorting was virtually unnecessary. Only the crop from hail-damaged parcels had to be very carefully sorted and we were lucky to be able to use an optical grape sorter to remove grapes damaged by hail.

This relatively early date of harvest and the perfect grape healthiness led to production of wines of great purity with beautiful freshness and bursting with fruit. The vintage already promises to be a very good one for laying down.

In conclusion, 2018 is a vintage full of sunshine that gave seductive, pure wines with silky tannic structure and lovely acidity, signs that the most patient wine lovers will be rewarded.

The weather profile of this vintage brings it close to vintages 2003 and 2009.



## Press Review



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Allen Meadows, 10/01/2020, Issue 77

A slightly darker fruit profile is present on the ripe aromas that include spice and warm earth. The vibrant medium weight flavors possess a slightly finer mouthfeel before culminating in a similar finish that is somewhat warm and drying finish though here it is less evident.

## Burgundy Report

Bill Nanson, March 2020

Not as deeply coloured as their Fontaine Saint MarRn – but not far behind. A little less aromaRc impact than that wine too, but still there's a beautiful floral component the darker-coloured fruit here. Open and fresh – a lovely open and energetic character to this wine. A little more herbed and saline in the finish – but long and interesting. Simply excellent wine.

*THE Burgundy Briefing.* Sarah Marsh, November 2019

Blueberry aroma. Supple tannins. Sweet and bright. Good energy. I like this a lot.