

Domaine Roulot

Meursault

VINTAGE 2015

2015 was a nice respite from recent vintages plagued by either hail (2012/2013/2014) or frost (2016), those difficult vintages having also been especially damaging for vignerons moral.

Winter was mild and bud break happened quite early in the season. High temperatures in the Spring supported a quick growth for the vines. Flowering being finished by early June, 2015 will definitely be an early vintage. Compared to previous years, there were no concerns regarding diseases and the plant remained very healthy, but with great exposure to sunlight and missing rain, we feared to be on the way to another 2003.

2015 will fortunately be “saved” by two episodes of heavy rain. A first one (60mm) mid-June and a second identical one around August 10th ended this period of hydric stress. Maturation could then progress in good conditions and the plant cycle finish harmoniously. The grapes were perfectly healthy, with thick skins and the juice was unbelievably tasty. Harvest started on August 27th. We harvested early “chez Roulot” and 2015 was no exception and won't have us change our mind.

In the end, the wines seem to fall in between the concentration of the 2012's and the sunny nature of the 2009's, with however a more assertive energy than the latter ones. 2015 doesn't have the grace of 2014 but I have great confidence for the future of these wines given the beautiful grapes they came from. The wines they produced are intense, without being heavy, affirming the vintage's overall quality.

In addition to its positive attributes, 2015 is also the vintage that raised the vignerons moral which is not its least important quality.

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