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Winter 2015 – 2016 will be remembered as one of the mildest winters in decades. Even some migrant birds decided to stay on and the woodland trees took forever to drop their leaves. We would have liked hard frosts to kill off some insects and plant disease and thereby minimise spraying however the summer heat was a great antidote and solved those problems as the sun has the same effect on insects and fungus as the frost.

A rainy spring created the most wonderful explosion of growth both in the wild and in agriculture.

The vines were healthy and in full strength and happy, especially the newly planted vineyards.

The Sun claimed his power as he grew higher on the Ecliptic and the serious Summer began.

In our microclimate we experienced some rain at intervals and the breeze from the sea 25 miles away never stopped aerating the vineyards.

As a result of this, the beautiful grapes we harvested and the wine is full of promise, colours and perfumes.