

Domaine Roulot

Meursault

VINTAGE 2011

The spring of 2011 showed signs of an early summer. Lack of rainfall, above average sunshine and higher than normal temperatures led to rapid growth in the vineyards. These conditions also kept disease pressure down.

The only thing missing was water, however, rain showers in June followed by a particularly cold and rainy July helped alleviate this deficit. Despite these conditions, the vineyard cycle stayed ahead of schedule. The beginning of August, characterized by alternating periods of hot, sunny weather and cooler, rainier conditions, favored ripening. By month's end, the climate was once again stable, hot and dry.

Harvest began on the 24th of August in a few select parcels. Our earliest start on record. It continued under excellent conditions over a two-week period, ending September 7th.

The season unfolded in a somewhat similar fashion as 2007, producing a comparable yet slightly less austere vintage. The grapes were healthy in all parcels, acidity is present without being aggressive, and alcohol levels are more moderate than in 2010. This may be a vintage with less power than its predecessor...but power isn't everything!

2011 is a pure and dynamic vintage, with the wines displaying consistency and expression of terroirs. This isn't a "straightforward" vintage, as it will surely be frequently described. On the contrary, it can be more complicated to grasp when compared to many others with more obvious weight and power: a real "wine lovers vintage". We will surely be setting aside many magnums in order to see its evolution after 15 or 20 years.

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