



2018 HARVEST REPORT

WINTER 2017

The temperatures recorded during the winter were lower than average, with minimums of -15.3°C (4.5°F) in Vista Flores and -16.7°C (1.9°F) in Luján de Cuyo, in July. Moreover, on July 16, we had heavy snow that, reached as far as the province's plains.

SPRING 2017

Temperatures in September and October were cooler than in previous years, at approximately 1° and 2°C (1.8° and 3.6°F) below the historical average. The highlight in Spring was a late frost on October 13 and 14. This caused considerable damage in some areas, such as Agrelo, Vistalba and Altamira, especially to early bud-breaking varieties.

Bud-break occurred around 15 days later than the 2016-2017 season.

Precipitation was 38-60 mm from September to November, which made this season a dry one during the vines' vegetative growth.

SUMMER 2017

During January and February, temperatures remained the same as historical averages. Veraison started 12 days later than normal. Precipitation was much lower than the historical average, which resulted in grapes in excellent health, and no risk of fungal disease.

Harvest started on February 14, with the Pinot Noir for the sparkling base wine - 11 days later than last year. The white wine quality is exceptional, thanks to the grapes' outstanding health and tremendous concentration of primary aromas.

CONCLUSION

The season ended with a total of 150 mm of rain in Vista Flores and 210 mm in Agrelo, making this season the driest of the last four.

The extraordinary fact about this vintage is that the average temperatures in February, March and April were 15°, 20° and 16°C (59°, 68° and 61°F) respectively, well above historical averages. This meant excellent sugar and polyphenolic maturity, resulting in high concentration of aromas and flavors.

The yields were in line with historical values.

For all these reasons, I believe the 2018 harvest will prove to be among the best ever.



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