

VENDANGES 2021

Jérémie's words to describe the harvest: *"Grapes that can be counted on the fingers of one hand. A very small yield for the vines of the Batard Langelier estate, resulting especially from the frost this Spring. The work in the vineyard this year has not been easy."*

After a rather mild winter and a timely bud break, the vineyard suffered severe Spring frosts, which tested the team's morale. The emergence of buds on the vines has put some happiness back into the heart, especially when the first flowers appeared, confirming a possible 2021 harvest! Indeed, the estate has been replanting every year for the last 6 years to renew the vineyard that was planted 60 years ago. And the young vines resisted the frost episode better, allowing a little harvest on all the plots to happen.

A wet and cool summer required daily monitoring and a lot of work in the vineyard to protect even the small harvest. But September was very nice for the estate which avoided all the rain storms that fell in the neighboring villages. Finally the maturities were homogeneous - despite the frost and perhaps because of the low grape load.

The harvest started September 20 and ended on October 3rd. The estate harvested in the reverse of the usual order and this year it was the vines on gneiss that opened the harvest (which will produce Métaphore) then on Granit (Didascalie) then on Gabbro (Oxymore).

"It's a very small harvest since the average yield is 17 hl/ha. However, what nature has left us is healthy, with good balance and acidity that will provide a nice freshness, a parameter that we like a lot in Muscadet since it allows a nice aging potential for our Melons de Bourgogne."

The estate was able to pick up some Folle Blanche ensuring a production of Pensées Nocturnes 2021. And the Melon de Bourgogne on a little bit of all the parcels: even in small quantities all the cuvées should be able to be produced in 2021!

"At the estate, the whole family is involved in the cellar work, the morale is determined to transform this 2021 vintage into a succulent nectar. Warm and joyful wines will be born in the cellar, from small grapes will come great wines."

Jérémie Batard

