



HARVEST 2021

One word to describe the harvest: “*Tense!*”

The 2021 harvest at Mas Héritage was looking very promising. The rain had been regular and abundant all season long, although less present in August, but the quantity of grapes was there, and the vintage was late. This is a good thing for the balance of the grapes.

However, we had to remain humble in front of the elements, like any person who works the land. Indeed, the equinox brought its share of disturbances. This is quite classic. It is a very particular period on the astronomical level because of the proximity of the moon and the sun. Not to mention the full moon.

So we started the harvest at the same time as we finished it last year. September 10, 2021, to finish on September 30. The first parcel was Merlot, quite ripe with a very satisfactory yield, despite the fact that it had been affected by the frost. Once the Merlots were in, we topped off the tank with some Syrah to have enough volume to be vinified.

We had to wait a good week more to harvest the rest of the Syrah, around September 20th. Between observation, waiting and precipitation, we had to juggle between the rains, the sun, the ripeness and the fragility of the Syrah due to the July rains. The alcohol degrees were sufficient to have a tank promising good results. The white plots and the Chatus were harvested last under this same tension.

These 2021 harvests were certainly not the easiest of my career, with decisions to be made on a daily basis. But these decisions have borne healthy fruit (or grapes). And I am relieved to have been able to finish before the heavy rain forecast!

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