

## SYRAH 'LES JACQUES'

Color / Grapes

Red/Syrah

## Vintage

This was a year of paradoxes, one in which the delicacy of texture and sheer deliciousness of the wines do not reveal how challenging this season has been.

The worries started with one of the mildest winters since the start of the 20th Century which triggered a very precautious awakening of the vines at the end of March. For the first time in decades, frosts hit Beaujolais. April conditions were cool and rainy which helped to replenish the water table to a level compensating for the coming dry month of May.

From then, heat and drought conditions established in Beaujolais. Without the necessary water reserves, our granitic soils put the gamay vines to the test, and the rains that fell towards the end of August brought true relief to the vineyards.

With cool temperatures and stormy conditions concerns arouse for the health of the bunches and risks of hails. Salvation arrived towards the end of August and the beginning of September with the return of sunny, warm and dry weather. On the 20th of September, picking began in Carquelin and Champ de Cour.

