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AN EARLY AND LONG HARVEST
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One word to describe the harvest : BELLE !

It is a beautiful harvest and even if the fermentations are not yet finished, the profile of the 2021 vintage seems to draw balanced wines, quite aromatic, with more freshness and structure than for the 2020 vintage. Although not necessarily what rosé lovers are looking for, this is probably a year that should have a better ageing potential than 2020.

The harvest was early but long. They started on August 23 and have ended on September 24.

A typical harvest with an order of maturity of the grape varieties often changing; usually we start with Semillon and ended with Cinsaults and Mourvèdres; this year we started with Rolle and quickly thereafter, the Cinsault was already ripe.

It is a smaller harvest than 2020. The frost, a wet and cold spring during flowering, followed by a dry summer contributed to delay the maturity and reduced the production. We estimate our loss of yield due to the different climatic hazards at about 10%, which is not that bad compared to some of our colleagues.

A more stressful harvest than usual, because, in addition to the threat of the traditional late summer storms, we had to stop frequently to wait for the right maturity without the teams losing focus.

