

CHATEAU DEYREM VALENTIN 2019

A mild, wet winter. The spring was cool and rainy, especially during flowering, and there was a little coulure on some of the Merlot, but nothing serious. The Cabernet Sauvignon was unaffected. The high temperatures in June and July stressed the vines: they were thirsty! A few showers at the end of July gave them a second wind.

The véraison (colour change) was fast, indicating that we would have to respond accordingly when it came to picking. This year, observation of the evolution of the véraison was an important factor in the quality of the future wine.

The vinifications went well as the last of the sugar was converted to alcohol, and malolactic fermentation started very quickly in ideal conditions.

From the first tastings, I was impressed by the quality of the Cabernet Sauvignon with a particularly delicious, delicate tannic structure. The Merlot was remarkably aromatic.

Harvest dates: 25 to 29 September for the Merlot, and 8 to 12 October for the Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot.

Ageing: 47% in new barrels and 53% in barrels that had held one wine.

Blend: 55% Cabernet Sauvignon, 43% Merlot, 2% Petit Verdot

TASTING NOTES

ANTONIO GALLONI 90-92 PTS JEAN MARC QUARIN 90 PTS

NEAL MARTIN 90-92 PTS VERRE DE VIN 91/92 PTS

YVES BECK 92-93 PTS **JEB DUNNUCK 91 PTS**

MARKUS DEL MONEGO 92 PTS JEFF LEVE 91 PTS

