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2006 – Charm and Seduction

Like other wine regions in France, Burgundy had to adjust to unsettled weather throughout the year. Due to a long and cold winter, budding started late. During spring and at the beginning of summer, strong heat spells favoured the rapid development of the vine. This growth was slowed down by rain and cool weather in August.

The harvest started at a somewhat normal date for the region: September 18th in Côte de Beaune, but two days earlier in Chablis because of the maturity and concentration of the grapes - an extremely rare occurrence considering the northern location of this region. Picking took place over a two-week period instead of three, as we wanted to bring in grapes that had a good balance between sugar, fruit and acidity. A careful sorting of the grapes was necessary to ensure uniformity of quality before the start of fermentation. Fermentation took place rapidly, no doubt facilitated by the high sugar levels and the indigenous yeasts. During the winter, the wines were able to settle down as they underwent their malolactic fermentation.

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