



DOMAINE LABRUYÈRE

LE CARQUELIN 2017



After a cold and dry January, February and March were mild with normal rainfall levels. It led to an early bud break with an advance of almost two weeks. Vine growth was fast, thanks to mild temperatures in April until a sudden change and arrival of colder weather, that resulted into considerable slowdown. Flowering started by the end of May and was marked by the increase in temperatures that have lasted almost all summer.

The hailstorm on the 10th July has marked the second chapter the growing. Moulin-à-Vent was touched drastically and the uncertainty about whether we will or will not produce wines in 2017 was growing. Despite all, Nature always finds its way to bring everything into balance, and the grapes that remained intact have continued to mature perfectly and veraison was completed by mid-August. Warm and dry August was followed by cooler September and allowed us to start picking on the 5th under perfect weather conditions.

TERROIR

Our vineyard spans over 4.4 acres (1.75 hectares). This terroir with light, sandy clay and acid soil, has low levels of organic matters and presents the typical pink colour of the Cru. Its granite is highly altered and medium deep.

VINEYARDS

Grape variety: 100% Gamay

Planting density: 4 000 vines per acre / 10 000 vines per hectare

Average age of vines: 50 years

Harvest: Grapes are harvested manually in 15 kg crates before passing on a double sorting table and 100% destemmed.

WINEMAKING & AGEING

The fermentation takes place in a single concrete vat, in order to isolate the parcel and to express the unique characteristics of its terroir.

The entire system is thermo-regulated. The wine is aged for 18 months in oak barrels (7% new oak) and in 600 litre barrel, called "demi-muid", and later in concrete vat. Slight filtration and no fining.

TASTING NOTES

(Tasted on 29th April 2019)

Appearance: Beautiful intense ruby red.

Nose: Spicy with toasted and roasted notes and a touch of leather.

Palate: Fruity, floral and liquorice notes featuring fine and spicy tannins.

Ageing Potential: more than 10 years.

