



DOMAINE LABRUYÈRE

LE CARQUELIN 2019



The 2019 wine-growing season was characterized by an exceptionally mild, very sunny and very dry winter, followed by a rather cool spring and a very contrasting summer, alternating between heat waves and cooler periods.

These conditions once again caused an early budburst and, and therefore the fear of a spring freeze was concerning.

As for the flowering phase, given the cool temperatures of May, it took some time to start, in early June but ended extremely quickly due to the heat of the end of the month. The high temperatures during the fruit set unfortunately caused important symptoms of sagging.

July was very sunny, hot and the rains were well enough distributed so that the vine did not suffer from drought.

August was cooler, the veraison was quite long to happen and to finish.

The harvest at Domaine Labruyère began on September 13th under ideal weather conditions. As the health state of the grapes was perfect, we simply had to wait for the right time to pick up at optimal maturity.

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 are 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 12 months mostly in oak barrels and in 600-litre barrels, called "demi-muid", and then in a concrete vat for 2 more months.

Slight filtration and no fining.

TASTING NOTES

(Tasted on May 4th, 2021)

Colour : Beautiful and intense black-red, purple reflections.

Nose : Elegant, airy. Flower notes (violet, rose, peony), with a minty and liquorice freshness.

Palate : Fresh, spicy, juicy cherry. Elegant, digestible and refined tannins.

Ageing potential : More than 10 years.

