

2020

Tuesday, October 7th started as a clear, bright autumn day and saw the beginning of the 2020 Domaine Evremond harvest, over a week earlier than last year. It was also the first day that grapes would be picked and pressed on site at the estate in Chilham providing additional excitement and another notable day in our history.

The precocity of the year and the hot dry summer we enjoyed in 2020 favoured good ripening of the bunches. Following careful grape picking analysis over several weeks the dates were eventually chosen for harvest. The dry climate in September and the good health of the grapes made it possible to best determine the opening date of our pressing center. Our qualitative ambition was to optimize the organoleptic parameters and the taste expression of the berries.

The fear we had at the start of the harvest was a risk of botrytis taking off following a very wet eight-day period immediately before picking. During harvest the sun and the drying wind, combined with the speed and quality of the picking, ensured a successful harvest. We had one day, on the day of October 8th where conditions changed but overall, it was a busy and good picking period. Harvest commenced with the picking of the black grape varieties (Meunier and Pinot noir) and concluded on 11th October with the Chardonnay.

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We have every reason to be delighted with the quality of this harvest, fine bunches expressing good ripeness and we look forward to tasting the results over the coming months before bottling.

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A great promise for our wines pressed and vinified for the first time at our Domaine!

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