



DOMAINE EVREMOND

CHILHAM, KENT

2022

2022 will be remembered for the hot and dry summer that we experienced during July and August. Praying for rain week after week during August was not something that we ever envisaged when we planted the first vines in May 2017.

The year started very wet with lots of rain during February and March. Whilst we had some cold nights at the end of March / early April we escaped with virtually no frost damage. The weather during the spring was generally kind and this led into fairly benign weather during June. Flowering started in the second and third weeks of June and was good, particularly for Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. Pinot Meunier was more "patchy".

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July was very hot with no rain at all and this dry weather carried on throughout August. The young vines that we had planted in May in our Appleby vineyard suffered badly. We "lost" a number of plants despite watering them. In the last week of August a band of rain spread right across the South of England bringing relief to many farmers. However this heavy rain died out only 20 miles to the west and we did not receive a drop. It was very frustrating.

We finally had some much needed rain during the first 2 weeks of September. This rain was the exception during the month as we were generally blessed with lovely weather during most of the month.

Harvest started on Saturday 1st October with Pinot Noir in our New Wood vineyard before moving to the Meunier in Badgers. We then picked Pinot Noir and Chardonnay from all the vineyards that were planted in 2017. We finished picking on Friday 7th October with a small crop from the 2020 Pinot Noir planting on Chilham Bank.

The quality of the fruit was exceptional, lovely and clean although the dry weather resulted in smaller bunch sizes than those we had seen in 2021

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