



PRODUTTORI del BARBARESCO

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RECENT VINTAGES

2018 VINTAGE

The 2018 vintage opened with a long winter with plenty of late rainfall, restoring the water supply which had diminished due to the quite dry climatic conditions in the previous year. The winter season extended until the beginning of March, with temperatures lower than in recent years. This led to a gradual, slow resumption of the vine's vegetative phase, with a late Nebbiolo bud-break in the second week of April.

After an up and down April, the first half of May was marked by numerous storms and lower temperatures, bringing copious rains that created some difficulties in vineyard management. Indeed, problems were recorded associated with fungal diseases wherever it was not possible to intervene in time. June brought warm and dry weather in Barbaresco. Consequently, flowering and fruit set took place regularly and in optimal climatic conditions, immediately suggesting that it would be a plentiful vintage. Summer Green harvesting would therefore be necessary to curb production in within the limits of the DOCG rules and for best quality results. Hot weather continued through July and August, but a hail storm hit part of the Barbaresco appellation on July 15th in particular in the Ovello, Montestefano, Montefico vineyard sites. Dry warm weather for the rest of the summer helped a good quality recovering, but the yield was significantly down in those areas hit by the hail storm.

September remained hot and the first chilly night did not come until the 24th of the month. The lack of night/day temperature differences slowed down the phenolic maturation and did not help a perfect concentration of aromas. No rain though and very good sugar levels in the grapes by October 2nd when the harvest started for Produttori del Barbaresco lasting 12 days in total.

The final result of this challenging vintage are good quality wines, less explosive than 2016 and 2017 in terms of complexity, but balanced, supple and with good drinkability.

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