



PRODUTTORI del BARBARESCO

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RECENT VINTAGES

2019 VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage will be remembered for its decidedly conventional course.

The year in the vineyards began slowly due to the winter season lasting until February. This resulted in a delay in the arrival of spring, which brought about a period of rain and low temperatures until the middle of March. Nevertheless, plant growth resumed as per normal, and though it was slowed down initially by abundant rain in April, this also allowed a considerable amount of water to accumulate in the soil, compensating for the minimal rainfall during the winter. The changeable weather with mild average temperatures continued throughout May, confirming a delay of around two weeks compared to the growth patterns that had been seen over the previous few years, but in line with more traditional development. High temperatures in June combined with the availability of water in the soil created the conditions for rapid plant growth.

The hottest period in the season was recorded between the last week in June and the first in July, followed by days on which milder temperatures alternated with rain. The second heatwave of the summer was recorded at the end of July, ending in storms which did not damage the vines even though they were intense at times; the remainder of the summer season was marked by a mild climate, with regular, sporadic. After this prolonged hot summer, first week of September brought in Barbaresco an abrupt change, much cooler temperatures, some rain but no hail as it happened in other areas in the Langhe. A perfect second week of the month with intense night/day temperature difference, a milder third week and again good temperature excursion the last week of September. The overall good September weather allowed us to wait a little longer for the Nebbiolo grapes to achieve a proper aromatic ripeness. We started harvest late, on October 8th, and were able to complete the harvest by October 18th with only a light rainy on the 15th of the month.

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Vintage looks promising with high sugar level as it was expected from the hot summer, and good polyphenolic profile, which should ensure wines with good structure and excellent ageing potential. Worthy of note in particular is the high accumulation of anthocyanins, so wines can be expected to have excellent color and complexity. All considered, the vintage can be said to be a classic one, with a quality production despite a drop in quantity compared to the previous year.

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