

2014...VOLUME & QUALITY !

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The 2014 vintage takes us back to some of the earlier harvests.

A westerly air flow prevailing in Europe brought abundant rainfall during the winter period and exceptionally mild temperatures to our region.

Consequently, the vines' growth cycle began at the beginning of April, around fifteen days earlier than in 2013.

Flowering commenced on 26 May, during a very mild spring. These special conditions were ideal for the development of the vines, and resulted in very homogenous bunches of grapes for all the grape varieties, indicating a large harvest.



The windy and very sunny summer days, and cool nights during this season enabled the harvests to start on 21 August for the Blanc and 26 August for the Rosé.

We did, however, observe a rapid increase in the maturity of all the grape varieties from the beginning of September onwards.

The harvest in all the estates is qualitative and is reminiscent of the 2000 vintage.

There has been a significant increase in the volumes in all the estates and particularly at Clos Mireille, thanks to the addition of new operational parcels and the absence of diseases compared with 2013.

With regard to the two new properties of the Domaines OTT (Château La Moutète and Domaine de l'Hermitage), even if the yields are lower, the quality of the terroirs is such that they fall within our expectations.

The implementation of a three-year dynamic cultivation plan should enable us to optimise these vineyards.

The sugar content is higher than in preceding years, particularly the Grenache grapes, which have a fine acidity.

The first wine tasting sessions have revealed a wine with a distinct, fruity and taut character.