

HARVEST 1999 AT DAUMAS GASSAC

The Vintage of extreme flavours !

The 1999 vintage has grown from a unique and unparalleled climatic experience !

First the flowering was 10 days later than average; then the maturity was 10 days earlier than the usual date.

So a 'flower-ripeness' cycle of 90 days instead of the 110 days that we are used to at Daumas Gassac – this already was exceptional !

The weather was also unique ! Heat and complete drought in June and July. Then, from the end of July to the 10th of September, a **very unusual tropical-like climate** : light rain every week, followed by extreme heat, with temperatures between 38°C and 44°C.

Regular rainfall and high temperatures, A typical tropical climate

By the end of August, the grass on the side of the roads, the plants of the Garrigue bush, like all the fruits of the garden and the grapes in the vineyard, were all expressing **intense flavours**, with a great maturity. Think about a William Pear, very ripe, that melt in your mouth, freeing a large range of aromas and flavours.

It was the same for the grapes. At harvest, Chardonnay, Viognier, Merlot, Cabernet, Syrah and all the other grapes, **were melting in the mouth, with very seductive and elegant aromas of Lychee, wild peach and very ripe mango.**

In 1999 Daumas Gassac has produced wines, both Red and White, incomparable to any other wine made in the Valley du Gassac, with a great degree of smoothness and richness of delicious aromas.

Friend of Daumas Gassac, be ready to drink the 1999 Red when you get it in March/April 2001 and hide the 1998 Red at the back of your cellar, away from any temptation. You should wait at least seven years before drinking it.

The 1999 vintage has produced a wine of flavours and charm to be drunk without waiting too long. You will never have seen or tasted anything like it before!

Les Vignerons,


Véronique et Aimé GUIBERT

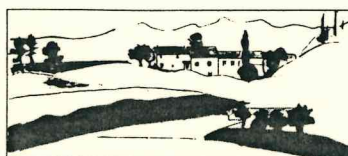
PS Climate: concerning the Valley du Gassac and the extreme northern part of the Languedoc, on the doorstep of the Larzac - You might already know that the southern Languedoc, the coastal region, has suffered from rains, storms and hailstorms that the Northern part never saw. What a rare privilege !

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