



— The 2014 Vintage — ... The Magnificent !

The Bud burst:

After a warm, wet winter, spring continued with the same warmth and fine weather, regularly punctuated by a rainy day a week...

Unlike previous years, the forecasts provided by the regional weather agency this time proved to be right, making it easier to plan our organic and biodynamic treatments.

As soon as buds started to appear, we began de-budding across the entire property.

The Flowering :

We enjoyed consistently fine weather during flowering of the Merlot and Cabernets, which lasted just a week, from June 2, 2014 to June 9 for the Merlot and Cabernet Franc and from June 6 to June 15 for the later-ripening Cabernet-Sauvignon. Pollination was extremely consistent. The broad range of temperatures between day and night promoted production of very long, loose clusters through to bunch closure.

Château Fougas was not affected by the severe thunderstorms which struck in May and June.

In June, we focused on lifting branches on the trellis wires then thinned out the leaves around the grapes to prevent the onset of disease.

The Veraison :

By August 13, 2014, veraison was virtually complete for the Merlot. We continued to thin clusters by removing the least ripe and over-crowded bunches in order to maintain consistent ripeness and impeccable fruit health until the harvest.

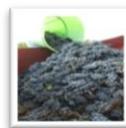
We began to analyse ripeness levels in the vineyards on August 20, using the Dyostem process. Analyses were then conducted every week until harvest dates were set depending on the ripeness of each block. The grape skins were thick and the berries were aromatic.

The Harvest :

Harvesting began on Saturday September 20 and continued through to September 29 depending on the ripeness of each block.

The Wines :

The 2014 vintage marked a milestone at Château Fougas. It is similar in style to the 2005 and 2010.



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