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Dizy, Wednesday 25th September 2019

Bonjour à tous,

We picked our last grapes in Corne Bautray on Saturday 21 September at 1330 hours, closing a very demanding 2019 campaign. Things started pretty badly: the severe frosts in April caused serious damage in Avize and Oiry, as well as in some vines on the lower slopes of Hautvillers.

From late Spring and all of Summer it was very dry but, thanks to abundant rainfall during the winter and our chalky soil, the vines didn't really suffer any stress from lack of water. On the other hand, we had to keep a very close watch to combat very strong attacks of oidium up until the end of August and the treatments needed to do this only served to reinforce the effects of the phenomenon of the heatwave on 25 July (Paris recorded its highest ever temperature) scalding the vines.

After all these vagaries, some of which are very unusual at our latitudes, we didn't really know what outcomes to expect. Admittedly, the yields were low (circa 7,000 kilos per hectare in Avize and Oiry and about 8,000 kilos in Ay, Dizy and Hautvillers,) but we think we may have a very great year on our hands.

The grapes presented in perfect health, the ripeness was exceptional and, despite fears in certain quarters, the level of acidity was more than sufficient.

Thus, we are looking at a superb Cuvée no 747. With the Single Vineyard wines, we prefer to wait until we have tasted them, but we are confident that they will be of a high quality.

Amicalement.

Jean-Hervé & Laurent Chiquet