

DOMAINE TARIQUET

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2021 harvest newsletter and Domaine Tariquet's Long-Term vision

Dear customers,

2021 started with some emotion at Domaine Tariquet. In the very first days of January, the roof of the estate's distillery caught fire. Fortunately, the damage was limited thanks to the tremendous responsiveness of the estate's teams and the remarkable work of the firefighters of several local fire stations. More fear than harm, only part of the roof was affected by the flames, without damaging either the framework of this historic building from the 17th century, or the two copper alambic stills.

Information on the 2021 harvest

During the month of April 2021, almost the entire French vineyard suffered several successive episodes of frost. Gascony was particularly affected. The Syndicat et Interprofession des Vins des Côtes de Gascogne (Côtes de Gascogne wines syndicate and inter-professional organisation) confirms that such an impact of frost has not been seen in the region since 1991. Recently, the 2017 vintage had experienced an overall average loss of 25% to 30%; the loss will be higher for the 2021 vintage. Like the whole of Gascony, after an early vegetative start at the end of a very mild winter, the vineyards of Domaine Tariquet suffered successive episodes of frost on April 7th and 8th, then again on April 13th.

Two months after this incident of exceptional frost, both in the number of nights of frost and the duration and intensity of the cold, we can assess the impact with more precision following the emergence and development of the secondary buds. Plots are affected to the extent of 40% to 70%, often to more than 50% and sometimes even up to 80%. The overall loss will therefore probably be between 50% and 60%, which corresponds to the average estimates of the region following the survey conducted by the Syndicat et Interprofession des Vins des Côtes de Gascogne among local producers.

For all professionals in the field, however, it is still very difficult and very uncertain at this stage to estimate the actual fruiting potential, especially since flowering has only just begun.

Of course, this does not mean that the volumes available in 2022 will be affected in the same proportions.

On the one hand, the 2021 vintage of some cuvées will only be marketed in the second half of 2022 or even in 2023.

On the other hand, we will make sure to continue the marketing of the 2020 vintage in the first months of 2022.

In addition, we will do our utmost to anticipate the release of the 2022 vintage of some cuvées. This will depend above all on the harvest dates of the 2022 crop. We hope for an early 2022 vintage.

Finally, we are already optimizing the management of our stocks in order to reduce the impact in terms of availability for next year.

Domaine Tariquet's vision is part of a Long-Term strategy

Faced with this exceptional situation, wine growers will be allowed, by way of a derogation as part of a prefectural recognition of agricultural disasters, to buy grapes or musts to be vinified that will not come from their property's own vineyards. In this case, they will be allowed to use the name of their property (for example "Dupont"), but will not be able to keep the term "Domaine" (or "Château" or "Mas"...) before their name "Dupont" in relation to wines vinified from grapes or musts purchased outside. If these wines are blended with those from their property's own vineyards, the entirety of their blend will lose the right to use the term "Domaine" (or "Château" or "Mas"...) and therefore, to ensure consistency, the mention "mis en bouteille au domaine" (estate bottled) as well.

Domaine Tariquet is "propriétaire-récoltant" (wine grower) and will remain so.

The wines and Bas-Armagnacs of Domaine Tariquet are produced exclusively from the vineyards of the family property that has belonged to the Grassa family since 1912.

Despite a 2021 vintage seriously affected by the frost, we have made the decision not to buy outside lots to sell them under the name "TARIQUET" without the term "DOMAINE". The term "DOMAINE" will remain before the name "TARIQUET" for all our cuvées.

Historical Armagnac producer since 1683, Domaine Tariquet was a pioneer in the production of white wines in the early 80s in Gascony.

We are "propriétaire-récoltant" (wine grower), and all our wines and Bas-Armagnacs are estate bottled ("mis en bouteille au domaine").

We ensure all the stages of production from the planting of the vine to the bottling. This total commitment leads us to fully take on the risks of climatic hazards.

After an unprecedented health crisis, this episode of frost comes of course at the worst time. But we are wine growers and we accept the laws of nature. This type of risk is an integral part of our work and our passion.

We think Long-Term and remain positive and mobilized.

For nearly 30 years, we have been sustainably managing all our vineyards. For several years, we have received two environmental certifications: ISO 14 001 and HVE (High Environmental Value).

We are also committed to a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) approach, which we will have the opportunity to share with you soon.

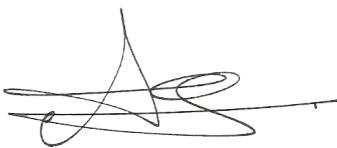
We continue to invest significantly, particularly in Research & Development in cultural practices.

We constantly aim to improve and continue to develop our actions and our means in terms of environmental protection, sustainable viticulture, biodiversity, CSR, quality of life at work for the estate's teams...

Our stakes are high. We look far ahead; it is part of the DNA of the Grassa family and the teams of Domaine Tariquet.

We wish you a very nice summer and hope to welcome you to the estate in the coming weeks or months to explore the property.

You will always be welcome at the estate.



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