



## LOIRE VALLEY, FRANCE - JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

### 2020 Vintage:

They kickstarted the harvest with their Saint Péray vineyards (“La Belle de Mai” and some vineyards of Laure’s estate “Domaine of Lorient”) on the 26th of August. Harvest came earlier than usual (by one week to ten days) and will end especially early. They forecast to finish around the 12th of September. All of the grapes will be picked in just two weeks because the various vineyards are ripe at the same time. They hired more people this year (thirty people) to harvest at a more swift pace.

Their new winery facility helps them to be more responsive. On Friday the 28th of August, they had some rain, which was greatly received (it was hot and dry for several weeks). However, these light rains did not delay the harvest. On Friday the 28th of August, they also started to allow the solids, namely particles of skin, pips etc., to settle (“débouillage”) in the first tanks of white Saint Péray. The yields are slightly higher than last year.

On the 31st of August, they harvested Cornas Les Ruchets and some plots located at the bottom of the appellation, near the village. On the 1st of September, they harvested Cornas La Louvée and some other hillside vineyards (Rocheperthus).

This year, they harvested first the hillsides (Cornas Les Ruchets, La Louvée), then the plots located at the bottom, near the village, they will then harvest the vineyards near the Colombos’ house (350 m above sea level, that will go into the Terres Brulées cuvée). Finally, they will finish with the vineyards above the Colombos’ house, located near the chapel of Cornas (Cornas Terres Brulées vineyards as well.)

