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2021 was an exceptional year because it is combined significant frost damage (April and May) with mildew pressure due to a record amount of rainfall. Both effects are rarely combined. A delay in the vegetative cycle of about 10 days compared to the ten-year average, marked by heavy rain.

The Aube is the most impacted region (frost and a little mildew), and the Marne Valley (with a lot of mildew and a little bit of frost). The Côte des Blancs is the region that is doing the best (little frost and little mildew).

Even if the yields are low, the winegrowers are able to sort grapes affected by disease. Reserve wines from previous years can be used (wines kept in vats to overcome any shortages like in 2021).

It was a great year in terms of quality due to the small yields and, therefore, high concentration. Excellent degrees and high acidity should produce beautiful blends and wines.

The Chardonnays are wonderful in each region of Champagne: Côte des Blancs, Mont de Berru, Montgueux, Epernay region, Petit Morin (incredible year near Ferebrianges, Etoges...) Vitryat, Sézannais.

In the end, 2021 will be remembered as a year of smallest harvests but with great oenological potential.

