

HARVEST REPORT 2022

2022 was extraordinary in terms of dryness and heat and likely reflects the climate change challenges we will have to face in the future. The year started with a cold & dry January, which resulted in a later budburst than usual. Luckily, the shoots subsequently grew rapidly as spring was generally dry & hot. Followed by a very dry & hot summer with only 100 mm rain by the end of August. However, thanks to cooler nights, some rain in late August, and adjusted vineyard management techniques the grapes reached optimal ripeness and were very balanced at the start of harvest.

The 2022 harvest officially started at Domaine de la Grande Séouve on Monday the 5th of September. Selected parcels of Grenache were picked first followed by the gathering of Syrah and Cinsault. Fortunately, the weather conditions during the harvest were ideal with cooler nights and a great Mistral effect which helped the grapes reach perfect ripeness. It took us just over 3 weeks to bring in all the grapes from our 75-hectare domaine, and the 2022 harvest ended on Saturday the 24th of September.

Thanks to the altitude of our domaine (Maison Saint Aix is one of the highest in the region) and intensive soil management, this year's grapes show good acidity and are very balanced despite the dryness. Yields are slightly lower than previous years however the quality is once again, outstanding! We look forward to presenting the fresh AIX Rosé 2022 in early Spring and have some high expectations!

