



## VINS DU CENTRE-LOIRE

### WINES OF CENTRE-LOIRE

# A PROMISING VINTAGE FOR CENTRE-LOIRE WINES

22.11.2022 - After an uneventful growing season and a dry summer with only sporadic heavy rainfall, Centre-Loire vines were in optimal condition when the 2022 harvest started. The vintage should offer good volumes and a fantastic quality, 'maybe the best in thirty years,' says Francois Dal of SICAVAC, the technical arm of the BIVC.

### Weather conditions for the year

The 2021-2022 winter was relatively dry in Centre-Loire. Sunshine and rain alternated in March-April, promoting plant growth, with two waves of spring frost taking place during the nights of the 3rd and the 9th of April. Damage was, however, limited thanks to low humidity in the vineyards at the time. Budburst followed in mid-April, two weeks earlier than normal. From May, the weather turned warm and dry with only 40-50mm rain vs. 50-60mm over the last ten years. Flowering took place at the end of May in ideal conditions. 40-100mm rain fell in June but the July heat put paid to any risk of mildew. Grapes were therefore in perfect condition for the veraison in July.

### Harvest

The harvest started on 25th August in Menetou-Salon and for the Pinot gris in Reully. The rest of the ACs followed between the 5th and 10th of September. Yields ranged from good to very good, a relief for growers after 2021's small crop. 'The grapes were at optimal sugar and phenolic ripeness and the first juices are balanced and fruity with the characteristic freshness of Centre-Loire wines,' says Francois Dal from SICAVAC. 'Sauvignon exhibit white and citrus fruit aromas and Pinot Noir ripe strawberry and cherry aromas.'

### About BIVC

Created in 1994, the Bureau Interprofessionnel des Vins du Centre (BIVC) is an association responsible for the promotion and communication for the Centre-Loire wineries. The eight vineyards of the Centre-Loire are located in the heart of France, on the hillsides of the Loire and Cher valleys. Comprised of over 13,000 acres, the Centre-Loire includes the AOPs of Sancerre, Pouilly Fumé, Pouilly-sur-Loire, Menetou-Salon, Quincy, Reully, Coteaux du Giennois and Châteaumeillant.

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