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## The 2025 vintage

**The winter** of 2025 confirmed the trend of recent years: average temperatures were not particularly cold, rainfall was below average, and snowfall was scarce. Fortunately, the extreme weather of 2024 was not experienced, meaning precipitation was not abundant, but it was still higher than in 2024. Climate data for the January-March quarter, in fact, bring the situation back to near normality, with average temperatures more than 1°C lower than the same period in 2024 and rainfall three times that of the same quarter in 2024.

This situation has also brought the phenological situation back to almost normal, which was characterized by a postponement of sprouting by more than 1 week compared to 2024. A later sprouting has finally made it possible to avoid the risk of late frosts and consequent damage, which had become a constant in recent years.

**Spring** was warm and humid, as in 2024, but unlike 2024, rainfall was concentrated around the start of flowering (mid-late May). This exposed the plants to downy mildew infections, which appeared in early June, especially in vineyards with poor ventilation. Thanks to considerable efforts to defend against this parasite, the infection did not cause significant damage as in 2023; however, in some vineyards, it resulted in significant yield losses. On the bright side, abundant spring rains ensured good soil hydration, allowing the plants to reach the hottest and driest parts of summer with strong vegetative growth and high photosynthetic efficiency.

The good organic matter content of the soil, guaranteed by the abundant **organic fertilizations** the company has systematically adopted in recent years, certainly contributed significantly to this result. Thanks to the excellent soil health, fruit set was good even in those vineyards (especially Carricante) where yield losses due to millerandage are usually observed.

The grip of drought was also felt this year during the **summer**, albeit less intensely than in 2024. In the June-August quarter, average temperatures were more than 1°C lower, without significant heat peaks, despite comparable rainfall patterns.

All the vineyards planted this year, as usual, were equipped with drip irrigation ; this allowed the soil to reach the ideal moisture level for the establishment and growth of the young plants. Managing replacements was more challenging, especially in the bush-trained vineyards; in those cases, localized hoeing was performed

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along with 2-3 manual irrigations. This latter operation was complex and demanding, resulting in significant financial expense for the company.

The **veraison** phase occurred gradually and slightly later than in 2024, demonstrating that the plants were in good health thanks to a level of soil hydration that, for the first time in several years, did not cause water stress.

The start of the ripening phase followed this pattern, registering a slight delay compared to 2024; this was also thanks to the rainfall in late August and early September, which allowed the plants to restart their growing cycle. The **September-November quarter** recorded rainfall levels comparable to 2024, but with slightly lower average temperatures. This led to a slow and gradual ripening, which allowed for the achievement of an optimal balance between sugars and acidity and a good accumulation of aromas and polyphenolic compounds .

**Harvesting** began on September 23rd and concluded on October 21st. Overall, the harvest period was the same as in 2024, but unlike last year, we were able to better distribute the daily harvest quantities thanks to greater uniform ripening, for both white and red grapes. The health of the grapes was also very good, thanks to limited rainfall during harvest. Overall, the grapes had good potential alcohol content, average acidity, and good aromatic and phenolic ripeness.

We expect wines of great elegance and balance. Compared to the 2024 wines, the whites appear fresher and less explosive, while the reds are less colorful and tannic. Each cru will express its potential without fanfare, but with the grace and austerity that characterizes great vintages.