

LE MILLÉSIME 2013

THE INDIAN SUMMER MIRACLE

THREE WEEKS LATE

THE BEGINNINGS OF THIS VINTAGE WILL LIVE ON IN THE ANNALS; THE WINTER WAS LONG AND THE SPRING VIRTUALLY INEXISTENT. AFTER A START TO THE WINTER THAT WAS COLD YET ONE OF THE DRIEST ON RECORD, THE MONTHS OF APRIL, MAY AND JUNE WERE THE WETTEST AND COLDEST IN 15 YEARS. THIS LED THE VINES TO GROW IN SLOW MOTION. ALTHOUGH FLOWERING BEGAN IN THE COLD AND THE WIND AROUND JUNE 10, IT FINISHED IN MID-JUNE IN BLISTERING HEAT. GIVEN THE COOL AND OFTEN RAINY SUMMER THAT FOLLOWED, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE VINES TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME AND RIPENING BEGAN IN EARLY AUGUST – THREE WEEKS LATER THAN USUAL AND WITH LOWER VOLUMES THAN USUAL. HOWEVER, THE QUALITY POTENTIAL WAS STILL THERE.

THE MOURVEDRE LOVES INDIAN SUMMERS

THE GRAPE HARVEST WAS LATE THEN, AND IT TOOK A GREAT DEAL OF SKILL ON THE PART OF THE WINE-GROWERS TO HANDLE THE END OF THE SEASON. BUT THEY DID HAVE THE PLEASURE OF DISCOVERING ALL A WONDERFUL INDIAN SUMMER HAS TO OFFER. THE LATE HARVEST, AND THE FACT IT WAS SPREAD OVER A LONGER PERIOD THAN USUAL, ALLOWED THE MOURVÈDRE, THE MAIN GRAPE VARIETY IN HOMMAGE À JACQUES PERRIN, TO MATURE GRADUALLY OVER THE WONDERFUL SUNNY DAYS OF THE END OF THE SEASON. THE YIELD OF THE MOURVÈDRE MAY HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY LOW, BUT EACH DAY CONCENTRATED THE GRAPES A LITTLE MORE. IN THE END, THANKS TO THE CARE BESTOWED UPON THE VINES, THE HARD WORK AND THE VIGILANCE SHOWN THROUGHOUT THE HARVEST, THIS VINTAGE LOOKS TO BE MOST PROMISING.

A DISTINGUISHED AND ELEGANT GRAND VIN

MORE NORTHERN THAN SOUTHERN, THE 2013 VINTAGE IS ALL ABOUT FINESSE, BREEDING AND ELEGANCE. WHILE THE CONDITIONS, THE ANALYTICAL BALANCES AND THE TASTINGS ARE REMINISCENT OF THE EXCELLENT 1990, 1995 AND 2001, THE LATE CHARACTER OF THE VINTAGE IS INTERPRETED IN AN IMPRESSIVELY FRESH WINE WITH A BROAD AROMATIC EXPRESSION. THE FIRST TASTINGS HAVE REVEALED A DEEP, RICH COLOUR, A LONG AND GENEROUS PALATE WITH RICH AND SILKY TANNINS AND A DISTINGUISHED AND PERSISTENT FINALE.



FAMILLE PERRIN