



# DOMAINE LEFLAIVE

PULIGNY-MONTRACHET  
DEPUIS 1717

## 2018 HARVEST: A PLEASANT SURPRISE, QUANTITY AND QUALITY-WISE

The 2018 harvest has pleasantly surprised us, both in its abundant quantity as well as its exceptionally good quality.

The winter of 2017-18 was moderately cold with temperatures sometimes below freezing in the morning but quickly reaching positive numbers in the afternoon. These cool temperatures were accompanied by a high humidity, regularly covering the vines with a beautiful white coating of snow.

March was also a little cool, nature was struggling to awaken. The weather warmed up quickly in the first days of April. Within three weeks, the all the vineyards in Puligny were adorned with a light green veil. Like pupae, the buds in their cotton are transformed: green tip, leaves coming out and first leaves spreading. The development was so fast that we were waiting a chill capable of slowing down the vine a little.

The good news is that the rains were plentiful in May and especially in June. At the beginning of June, the flower went quickly in dry conditions very favorable to the development of the clusters. The water

tables were at their highest and the heat of the day did not allow the moisture to settle. This enabled the grape to grow in exceptionally favorable conditions.

It was already very hot by the end of June and the temperatures between June 26 and the end of August were very often well above seasonal norms, with maximum temperatures exceeding 30° almost daily. This was only interrupted by a good rain on August 13, coming to refresh the ground and gorge the berries.

The harvest began on August 26 with radiant and relatively cool weather. The harvested quantity surprised, us considering the scorching summer we had experienced.

We welcomed it with all the more pleasure as the berries tasted well, with a good sugar-acidity balance and health status, which could not be better.

We are looking forward to the end of the fermentations to taste these promising 2018s.



*View of Puligny from the top of  
the Chevalier-Montrachet climat*

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