

Denicé, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2019

**2019, a qualitative “9 ending” year, but quite a deficit year in terms of yield.  
Our estate has received the High Environmental Value certification and is on its way  
towards the Organic conversion**

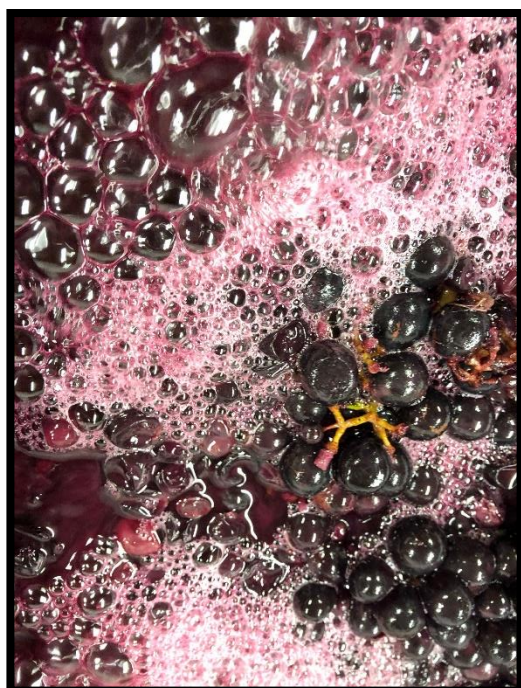
Dear Customer,

*We hereby would like to thank you for your loyalty. As we do every year, we would like to introduce you to our selection of Beaujolais Nouveau, vintage 2019.*

*The initial harvest date has been set this year by the “Ban des Vendanges” on September 9<sup>th</sup> 2019. (This date gives an indication of the approximate start date of the harvest). 2019 vintage is not such an early vintage as the previous years and is quite similar to 2005.*

*At Manoir du Carra, we started picking our first Chardonnay grapes for our Crémant de Bourgogne from September 1<sup>st</sup> (until Sept 4<sup>th</sup>).*

**All our grapes are hand-picked in our entire vineyard, regardless of the Appellation.**



*In terms of climate, 2019 has been a complicated vintage. Frost in spring had important consequences on the flower of the vine which caught some millerandage in quite a number of areas. On August 18<sup>th</sup> a severe hail storm hit the south of Beaujolais and destroyed to more than 80% of 1500 hectares.*

*Yield has been very much impacted: Gamay yield is 25% lower compared to the average of the past five years, whereas Chardonnay yield is 35% lower, which shall bring us to half volume of a regular crop.*

*Volumes harvested are very heterogeneous between north, south, hills and plains.*

*Luckily, sunshine at the end of August and beginning of September allowed the grape berries to finish its maturation and gain a good concentration.*

*From a qualitative point of view, we are aiming at a very high quality vintage, with a very good balance between sugar and acidity.*

*We also have a very good alcoholic degree from 12.5 to 14% ABV which is also a sign of a good concentration.*

*2019 vintage is also a very special vintage at Manoir du Carra given the fact that it is a first winemaking year in our brand new 700 sq. meter winery. It was barely finished when we filled in the first vats.*



*As we mentioned last year, our commitment towards environment has been rewarded by the High Environmental Value (HEV) certification, in March 2019 by the French Ministry of Agriculture.*

*Our environmental approach does not stop here! We started the process for the conversion to Organic Agriculture of 5 hectares of the estate.*



***See you on November 21<sup>st</sup> at midnight (0:00) to discover this new 2019 qualitative vintage!***

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