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L'Evangile or the Blue Clay Arrow

2023

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At L'Évangile, it's often the Merlot that has the leading role, with the Cabernet franc accompanying it. This year, the distribution is more balanced, to build a vintage of tension. Tension that has kept us on our toes in the face of mildew. A tension that we ardently seek in all our wines.

The harvest began on 4 September for our Merlot grapes from young parcels in the graves region. The week was particularly hot, accelerating ripeness and creating a real tipping point. The first juices to come in revealed red fruits with an energetic matrix, just as Juliette and Olivier like them: interesting balances with alcohols around 13.5 and pH around 3.7. Harvest decisions then followed a very “pedological” logic, with the arrival of clays after our gravels, followed by sands. Tasting our musts in vats confirms this hierarchy.

This year, our Cabernet franc on gravel gave structure to the wine, like this glowing red bowl, a solid base, allowing our Merlot on clay (blue) to soar.



Blend

Château L'Évangile:

78% Merlot,
21% Cabernet franc,
1% Cabernet-Sauvignon

Blason de L'Évangile:

95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet franc

Budburst:

3 April

Mid-Flowering:

26 June

Mid-Véraison:

28 July

Harvest:

4 to 28 September