

2021, a good vintage for the Loire: fresh, fruity, supple and well-textured

2021: a challenging year weather-wise, and yields vary from east to west.

Harvesting started in mid-September, and glorious end-of-season weather gave an unexpected boost to wine quality.

2021's wines are very fresh and aromatic, exactly what we expect from a Loire Valley wine.



- **Loire sparkling wines:** good acidity gives them that classic Loire profile, full of crisp, vibrant freshness.
- The Muscadet (**Melon de Bourgogne**): excellent potential, with good texture, fruity flavours and plenty of freshness.
- **Sauvignon blanc:** floral notes leading to an explosion of aromas and flavours featuring notes of tropical fruit.

- **Chenins**, lees ageing will fine tune their depth and texture, which is taking shape nicely and is set to balance well with 2021's aromatics of peach, apricot and honey.
- With its wide temperature variations and cool, fresh weather, 2021 is looking particularly **rosé-friendly**: Gamays in the Touraine and Grolleaus in Anjou are showing good colour and a fresh, fruity profile

- For **red wines**, harvesting finished in late October, in ideal conditions. **‘Loire’ character:** fresh, supple and fruity.
- Autumn, with its beautiful morning mists and sunny afternoons, was ideal for **sweet wines** : smooth, velvety texture and deliciously lifted structure, and are bursting with tropical fruit flavours. They are set to age well.