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HARVEST 1993 AT MAS DAUMAS GASSAC

THE WHITES

The Whites were picked from the 6 to the 9 september, under north wind and warm dry sunny weather. They cannot be more concentrated and beautiful.

The White Wine 1992 looks to promise a great white Daumas Gassac with finesse and perfect acidity, alcohol degré close to 13°.

The quantity will be 10 % over 1992 as one more white vineyard has come to production.

If a comparison could be made, White 1993 may be close to White 1989, still remarkable after five years.

THE ROSE AND RED (non Cabernet Sauvignon)

The Syrah for Rosé and other non Cabernet Sauvignon Reds (Merlot - Malbec - Pinot - Cabernet Franc - Tannat) were picked from the 10 th to the 15 th september.

The weather has been absolutely dry but dark or grey with very little sun, still exceptionally warm (30° to 38° during day time). Good conditions for picking except the drama on the night of september 9th.

That night of september 9 th, I was on my black tie party in London when Véronique called me to announce a terrifying tempest on the evening with thunder, strong winds and ice rain all over our area. I was deseperated when I arrive back next morning.

In fact, even if the tempest was exceptionally hard the ice stones were very scarce per square meter producing few scarces on the head of some grappes.

I have spent three days very cruel and anxious, as the alternative was clear : with mild weather southwind and rain, the rot would have destroyed this vintage.

Thanks God it was the north dry breeze on the Larzac area and the scarce closed immediatly with not a single fruit rotten.

Speaking today the quality would compare to the top exceptional days of 1980 or 1982 ; but more 1980 with powerfull wild aromas.

But what a stroke of luck to have north breeze in our small area, when rain is everywhere all over France, from Bordeaux to Alsace ; when the ice rain has entirely destroyed many vineyards in the Faugères area.

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THE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Héro at Daumas Gassac is the Cabernet Sauvignon planted from the old traditional variety non cloned, taken from vineyard planted before world war 1914.

The picking of these Cabernet started on september 18 th to end on september 22th .

The last grapes were picked at 11 h 15 Am on bright warm sun.

At 12 0'clock black clouds appeared from the west and at 14 ' an enormous storm with heavy rain started and lasted all afternoon and night ; when all the harvest 1993 was in the chai.

QUANTITY 10 % more on the White
 10 % less on the Red

QUALITY A year with strong tanins and wild typical aromas of Daumas Gassac, very much like Red 1980. Alcool around 12°50 to compare to the usual 13°.

Red 1993 will certainly be a vintage with strong personality and very long aging capacity.

Once again the only comparison which could be made, is the Red 1980. Not too bad.

Vincent and Anne Goubert
