The 2021 vintage has been characterised by an atypical climate: a warm winter causing an early budding followed by two frosty days in early April, then followed by heavy rains, almost daily in the spring and in early summer, with a moisture content reaching over 90%.

It took a lot of thinking and reactivity to adapt to this weather. It was necessary to protect the vineyard from the erosion risk of clay-humus complex, which is essential to the life of our sol, while supporting a healthy growth of the new vintage.

***The Budburst :***

The buds of the merlot began to burst in late March, just before the April freezing.

The harvest has been spared thanks to our biodynamics treatments which had decreased the growth of buds.

***Flowering :***

From early spring to May, a rainy and cold period slowed the growth of the branches.

The flowers have arisen from May 6th to June 2nd. We decided to thin out the leaves at the height of the grapes just before their closure, around June 23rd.

***Veraison :***

It took place at Fougas on July 25th, in the midst of the drought. It was quite slow but steady and homogeneous. The veraison ended around the August 6th.

The rest of the summer took place with a moderate temperature relative to the season. There were some frequent light rains, but with no downpour.

***The Harvest :***

September could be characterised as an Indian summer so much it was mild and dry.

The harvest took place under the sun, from September 25th to October 8th.

***The Wines :***

The harvest is scanty but good. The wines have much fruit: the merlot has a nose of red berries, raspberries mingled with morello cherries, the cabernet has a long finish and a smoked nose which is characteristic of its good ripeness.