



Steep vineyards at Azienda Agricola Giacomelli

Liguria

CASTELNUOVO MAGRA (Province of La Spezia)

The winter was mild and rainy. In the springtime the vegetative cycle of the vines started earlier than usual. At the end of the springtime and at the beginning of the summer it was rainy. The summer was quite cool, but luckily the weather during August and September was good.

Roberto Petacchi owner of Azienda Agricola Giacomelli (Colli di Luni Vermentino DOC, Colli di Luni Rosso DOC, Liguria di Levante IGT): “..we started picking on the 2nd of September with the white varieties and we finished on the 20th of September with the reds. The harvest was 10 days earlier than usual and it was much better than we expected. This year we had a higher yield of grapes, as we have new vineyards that started to produce. Between the 17th and the 20th of August we dropped fruit. During the harvest we go through the vineyards up to three times in order to pick only ripe grapes. The whites have good aromatics, good freshness, the alcoholic strength is slightly lower (about 0.5 degrees Celsius). The forecast is good. After racking off the white wines we carry out bâtonnage till December. We produced all the wines of our range. 2014 can be compared to 2007....”