

Vintage 1999

Right from the beginning there was noted an excess of fertility of the buds which later brought about an unusual thinning of the bunches (20%-25%) at the time of *INVAIATURA*.

The year was characterised from the meteorological point of view by low rainfall in May and August and by normal conditions in June and July, when the temperatures were lower than average by one and a half degrees (also in August) causing particularly favourable weather conditions, particularly on the plain.

The state of health of the grapes during the year could be described as reasonable, with a moderate presence of mildew and rare formation of oidium, whilst during the harvest it was good to excellent.

The harvest was carried out in the absence of rain with the exception of only three days.

To guarantee the optimal integrity of the grapes destined for the production of Recioto and Amarone, it was necessary to select less than 30% in respect of the previous year, whilst the weather conditions during withering through the winter were very favourable, with low temperatures and very few days of fog.