



# HOSPICES DE BEAUNE

## **First harvest at the Hospices de Beaune for Ludivine Griveau**

On Wednesday 27th August, Ludivine Griveau signaled the start of her first grape harvest at the Hospices de Beaune.

In magnificent sunshine and the presence of Ludivine Griveau, the parcels of Pouilly-Fuissé were the first to be harvested.

A lovely harvest with a good amount of juice, according to Ludivine; she seems satisfied with the crop from this appellation in the vineyards of the Mâconnais situated in the south of Burgundy.

The Côte de Beaune and Beaune vines followed with the famous and historic cuvees of Nicolas Rolin, Guigone de Salins, Maurice Drouhin and the Clos des Avaux at the top of the list.

A finely-tuned organization was directed by Ludivine, who put in place three grape-handling teams on the reception platform to, as she said, “handle the crop quickly”. The challenge was clear: “pick the 60 hectares in 8 days”. To meet this challenge, seven vine-growers harvested specific parcels each day and Ludivine opted for long working days and bigger harvesting teams.

The early days of the harvest went well at all levels.

For the reds, Ludivine reveals her first impressions: “lovely flavours, great varietal aromas together with colours that are well defined, great richness of tannins and soft texture”. All this, according to her, leaves “great room for manoeuvre”.

Finally, the whites are characterized by medium-sized grapes that bring highly-sugared juice and a syrupy sensation on the palate.

In conclusion, Ludivine declares: “Everything is ripe, there is no problem of grape healthiness”, which foresees a lovely vintage 2015!