

Vintage 2016 was heavily influenced by the very peculiar winter and spring climate conditions. The results are different based on vineyard's location and characteristics.

Winter 2015-2016 was quite mild with above average temperatures. Initial scarce rains didn't create problems as an increase of rains during February/March restored ground's water reserves.

Higher temperatures in the first half of April anticipated sprouting by 10-15 days. A late April cold air front and the subsequent sudden drop in temperatures, frosted part of the local vineyards located in the more humid and elevated areas.

The consequences were a drop in the overall production capacity and a slowdown of the growing process.

Summer warmer temperatures showed up only by mid June, but were short lived and without their typical hot peaks. By August temperatures had already started going down with several showers.

The last week of August saw temperatures coming back to the season's average and stronger winds drying the effects of the previous rainy weeks.

White varieties Fiano, Pecorino and Trebbiano were harvested starting from September 10th. They were in excellent health and promised an above average production quality.

Montepulciano harvest started immediately after the whites, in advance compared to previous years. This was due to the peculiar climate conditions with almost daily rains.

The specific climate conditions asked for a very strict grape selection in the vineyard in order to collect just the best grapes.

Overall the final result was not extremely consistent and heavily influenced by the specific location of the vineyards.