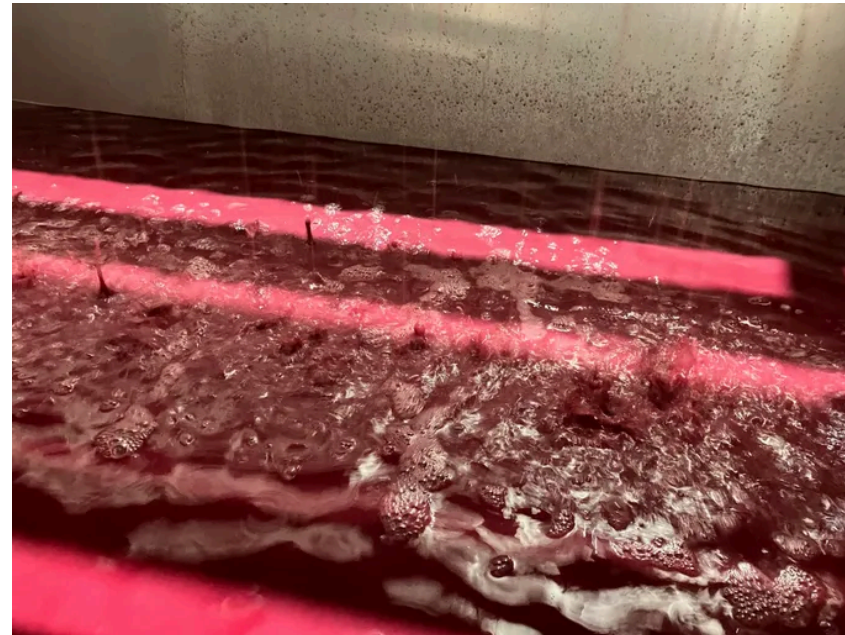




**Dear all,**

**2024 will probably go down as a very mixed vintage - it was not exactly a lovely summer. A mild winter, rain during flowering and then more rain and humid conditions for the rest of the summer, meant that many vineyards struggled to keep on top of the disease pressure. As a result, some of our vineyards did not pick any fruit at all. And whereas last year everyone was caught out by the big bunch and berry sizes, the opposite was true this year with many surprised by small berry sizes that meant significantly reduced yields on normal years, let alone the bumper crop last year.**



**However many vineyards were able to keep the disease under control and with smaller yields, overall we actually saw riper fruit than last year, particularly from vineyards in Kent and East Anglia. Whilst the volume is lower than we expected, we are really pleased with the quality and there will be some great wines from 2024. The first grapes were picked on 13th September, the last on 7th November, so it was both an extended and rather quieter harvest than previous years.**

**In Kent it was lovely to have a year without the upheaval of bringing in new**

