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2007 VINTAGE REPORT CARD

The 2007 harvest is over—to the delight of some, to the relief of others and to the dismay of an unlucky few. Though it's too early to assess overall wine quality, *Wine Spectator's* editors have analyzed the season's conditions in key regions and given each a preliminary grade. For the complete Vintage Report Card, go to www.winespectator.com/022908.

Burgundy: B

Gloomy, cool, wet weather ruled until the end of August, when winds dried out the vines.

“This was the first year anyone can remember where the white grapes were ripe much later than the reds,” said Beaune-based *négociant* Alex Gambal. Wine quality will depend on the individual *terroirs* and on growers who controlled mildew and rot, picked at the right times and performed strict selection.

—Bruce Sanderson