

# *Louis Latour Agencies*

WINES WITH PERSONALITY

## **2004 Rhône Vintage Report**

Following on from 2003's very hot and unique conditions, winter 2004 fortunately saw very heavy rainfall which replenished water supplies, re-hydrating the vineyards.

Budbreak was quite late after a cool spring but warm weather between May and July helped the vines to catch up, starting sugar development in the grapes. Temperatures in August fell once more, slowing ripening which ensured the grapes developed fully and with complexity.

This grape ripeness coupled with a longer growing season than the vintages surrounding it have given wines with attractive rounded fruit palates, balanced by higher acidity.