

## **2011 Vintage Update**

### **Banat**

Recas winery, based in the western Romanian region of Banat, believes 2011 will deliver a larger and higher quality harvest than last year. The vineyards survived the winter without the heavy frosts of 2010 which damaged a lot of vines. The spring and early summer have been rich in rainfall with alternating spells of cool and warm weather, which has ensured the vines have got off to a good start. Recas is expecting harvest to be around three weeks earlier than last year.

### **Dealu Mare**

The winter was long in the Dealu Mare region, lasting until April. Rainfall was also high over the winter with over 250mm falling over the period. Bud burst took place in the first week in June, which was followed by high temperatures and over 300mm rainfall, resulting in fruitful flowering. The vines look very promising at this time of year, in spite of the quite high levels of oidium caused by high humidity.

### **Dragasani**

After a mild and dry winter in the region, a cool spring followed, causing delays of up to 2 - 3 weeks in vegetation in April and May. The vines soon recovered, but the blooming period was still one week later than normal. A warm period followed with rain nearly every day, creating ideal conditions for the development of mildew and false mildew, so great care was taken to implement the right treatments in the vineyards. July has been consistent, with temperatures up to 35-38°C, and occasional thunderstorms, but resulted in only limited hail damage. Grape quantities in the region appear to be to be normal.