

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC



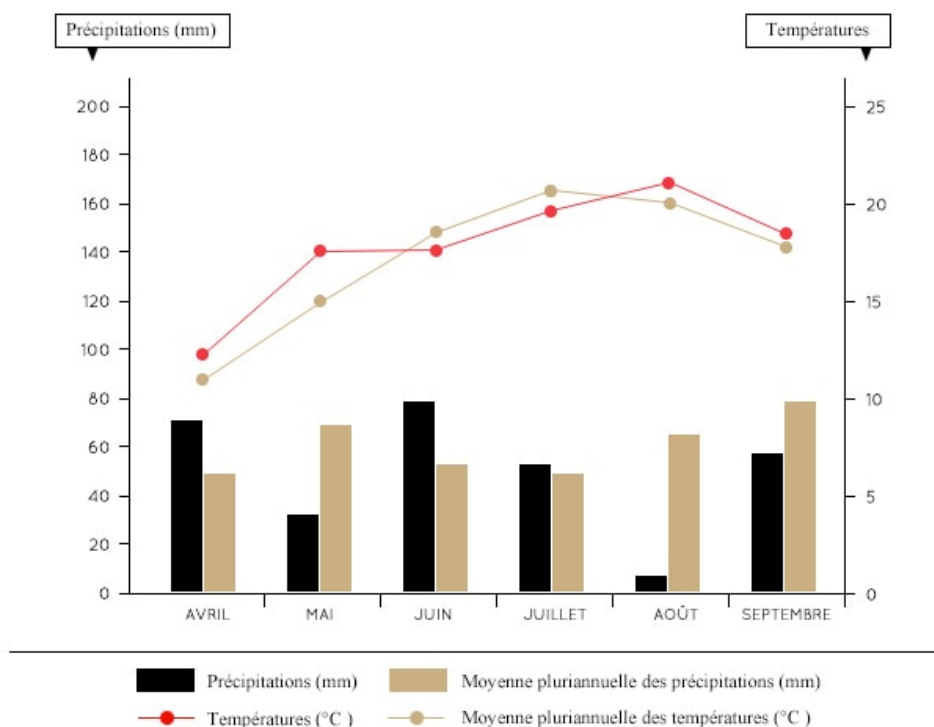
The weather in 1953 was very favourable to vine growth and the crop was both plentiful and of excellent quality.

This is a great vintage for Cheval Blanc. The wine is very well-balanced and still elicits enormous praise.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

The growing season began with a warm, wet April, followed by a very warm, but dry month of May. June and July were cool and rainy, whereas August and September were dry and slightly warmer than average.

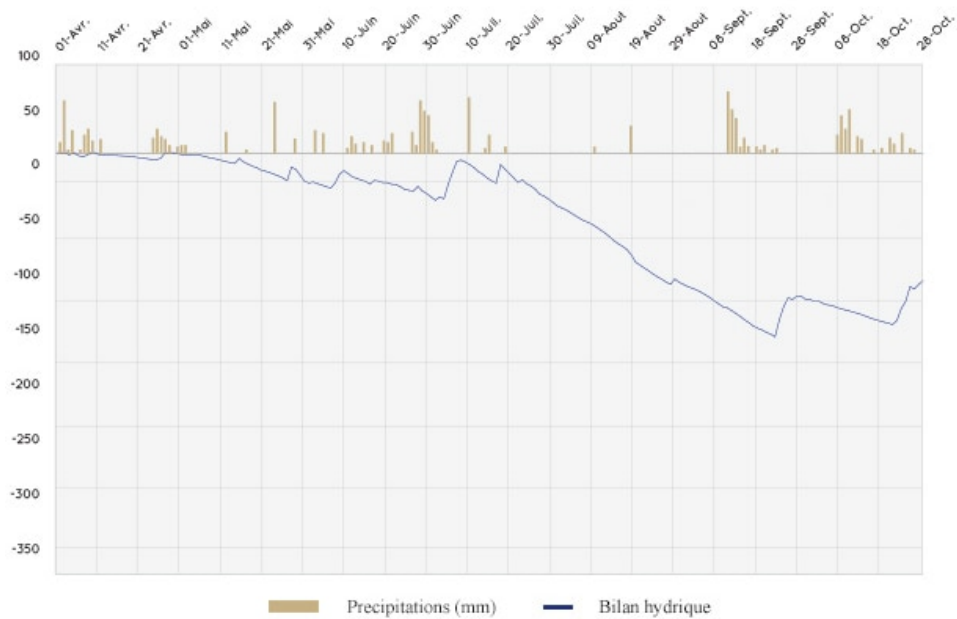
1953 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION



WATER BALANCE

In order to grow well, vines need water stress to set in slowly so that the grapes will ripen well and become concentrated. The rain in June and July forestalled water stress, which nevertheless occurred late in the season thanks to dry, sunny weather in August and September.

1953 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

Flowering went very well in May because it did not rain very much. Even though June and July were cool, which slowed down the growth cycle somewhat, the harvest was able to begin on the 21st of September. The grapes were excellent because August and September were very dry and hot. Yields were high, but 1953 Cheval Blanc shows that quantity and quality are not incompatible. Degree of alcohol: 12°.

	Begin	End
1953 harvest dates	September, 21st	October, 7th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1953 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
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52.4	33.9
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