

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

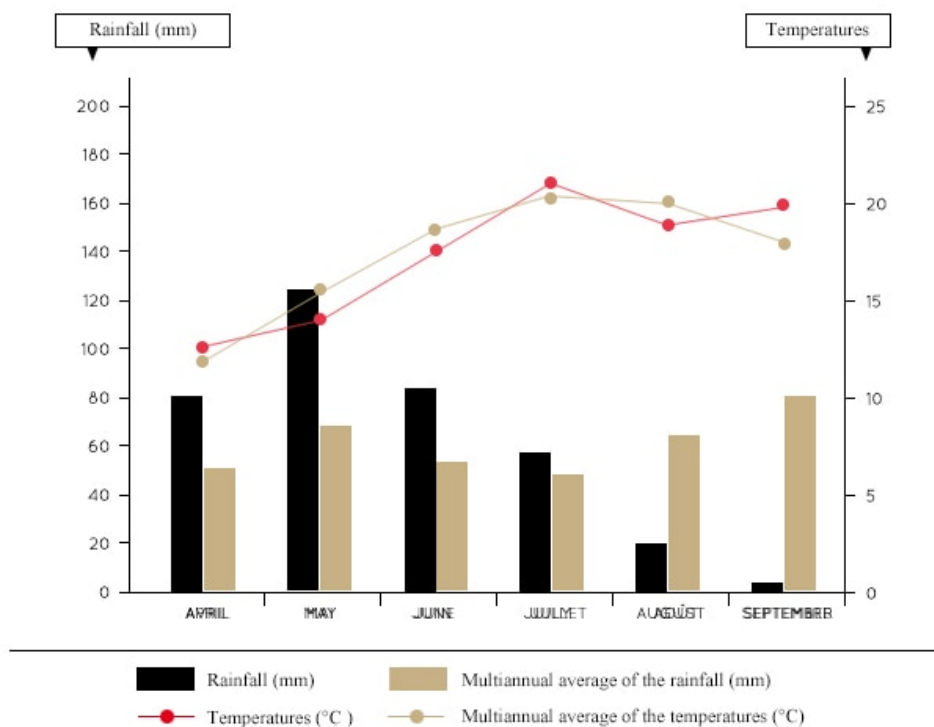
1985

This was a cool year, except for the month of September. August, September, and October were very dry. The wine is complete and very rich, but with good balance and a remarkable impression of sweetness. Despite being thirty years old, we still feel it has not reached its peak.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

May and June were cool and wet, whereas July was warm and rather wet, especially at the beginning of the month. August was relatively cool and very dry. September was the most beautiful month of the year: very warm, very dry, and very sunny (+ 45% compared to an average year). This superb weather continued into October, even though temperatures were closer to average during this month.

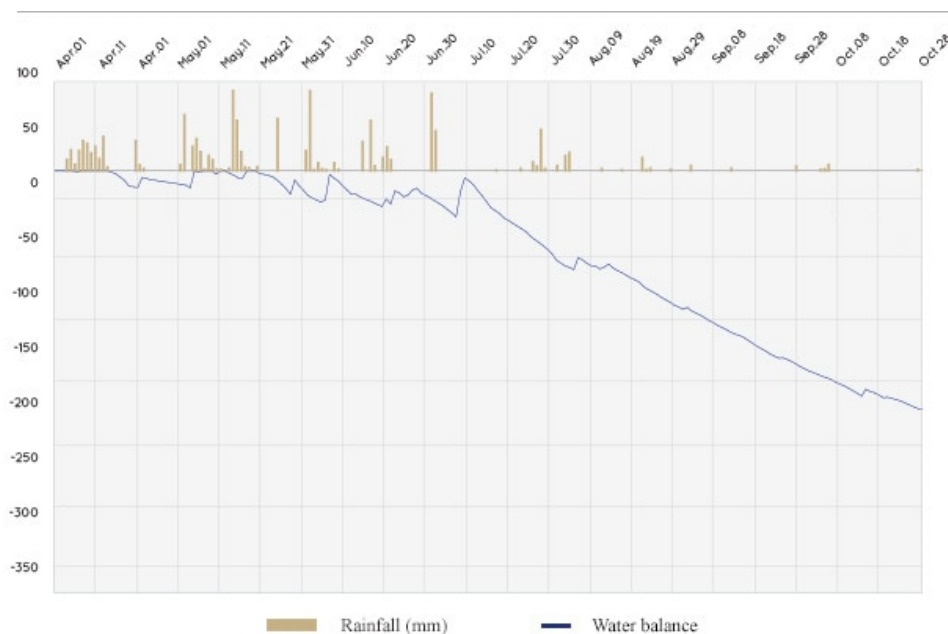
1985 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION



WATER BALANCE

In order to grow well, the vine needs for water stress to set in slowly so the grapes to ripen well and become concentrated. Major showers at the beginning of the growing season did not make it possible for water stress to set in until later in the year thanks to beautiful weather in August and September.

1985 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

The harvest began on the 1st of October and lasted until the 17th of that month. The grapes were perfectly ripe and in great condition. The freshly-pressed juice showed considerable balance. The yields were generous in 1985.

	Begin	End
1985 harvest dates	October, 1st	October, 17th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1985 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
48.8	33.9

BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	12.5
Total acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	2.95
Volatile acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	0.49
pH	-
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	92
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.2
IPT (DO280)	-