

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

1984

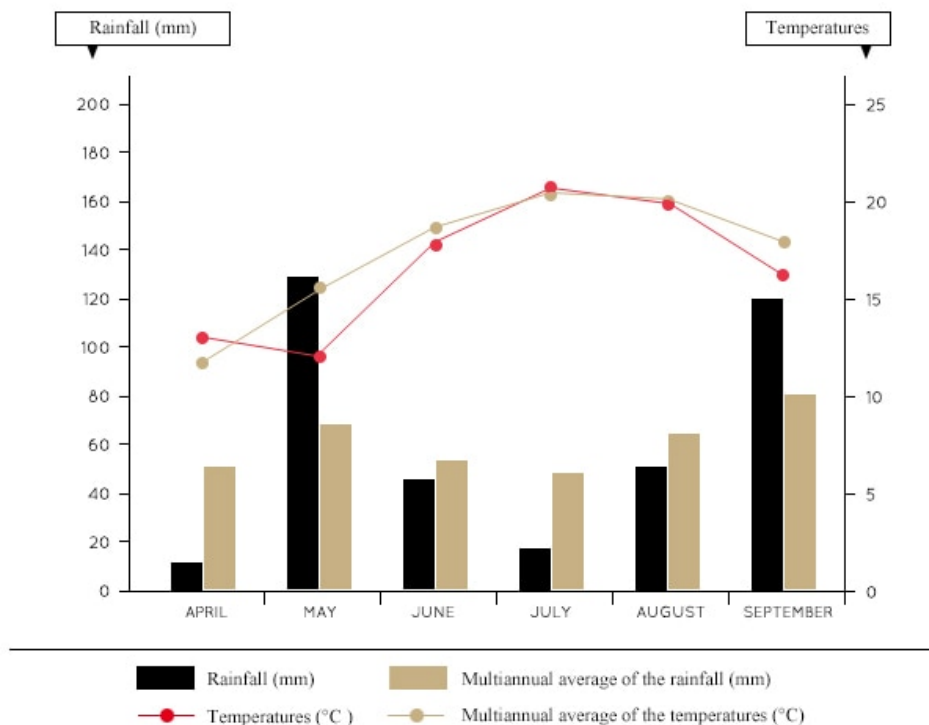
This was a cool year with a wet month of September and little Merlot due to coulure (shot berries) and millerandage (abnormal fruit set). 1984 was the most difficult vintage of the decade.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

1984 was a challenging vintage, with alternating very wet and relatively dry months. April was dry with normal temperatures, as opposed to May, which was exceptionally cool and wet. Summer was cool and rather dry. It rained copiously in September and October.

The weather in 1984 was not propitious to making wine anywhere in Bordeaux.

1984 : 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. Moderate water stress occurred in August and lasted until mid-September. It rained during the harvest.

1984 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

After a catastrophic month of May with heavy rainfall and exceptionally cool temperatures, flowering in Merlot did not go well, and the vines were strongly hit by coulure and millerandage. Flowering in Cabernet Franc took place later, and was more successful. Thanks to beautiful summer weather, the remaining stages of vine growth and ripening prior to September and October went very well. The rain during those two months unfortunately prevented the grapes from reaching optimum ripeness.

	Begin	End
1984 harvest dates	October, 2nd	October, 12th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

The harvest began on the 2th of October and finished on the 12th of that month. Yields were historically low: 17.8 hectolitres per hectare.

1984 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield (1946 to 2014)
17.8	33.9

BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	12
Total acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	3.63
Volatile acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	0.49
pH	-
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	96
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.6
IPT (DO280)	-