

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

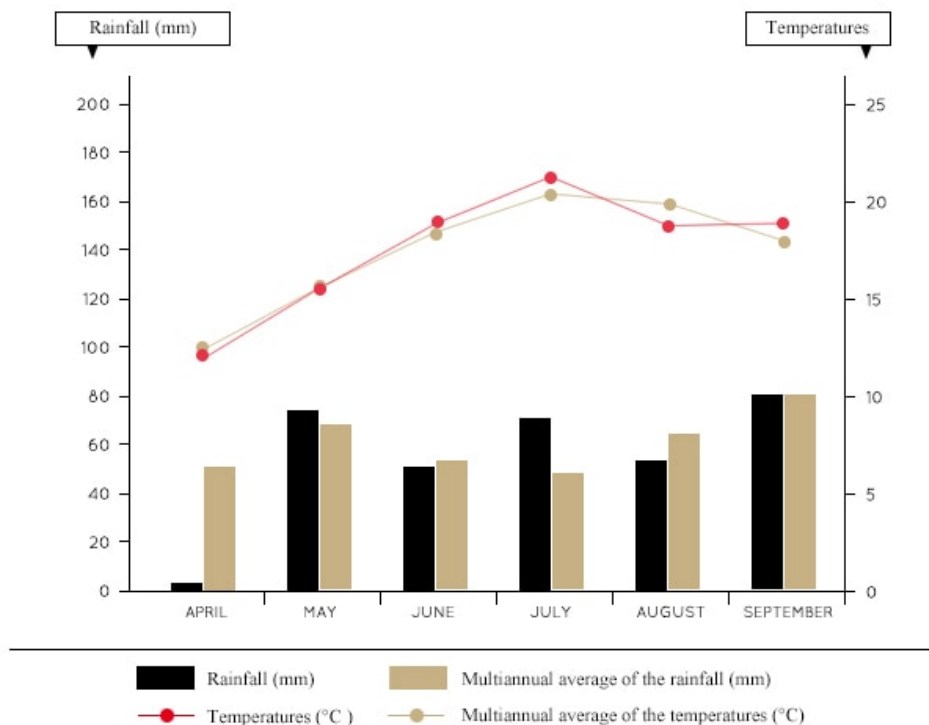
1982

This was an outstanding year, where quality went hand in hand with quantity. 1982 Cheval Blanc is rich and complete. It is one of the finest vintages in the latter half of the 20th century

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

The early part of the growing season was mild and moderately wet. April, on the other hand, was particularly dry. The hallmarks of the vintage are the hot month of July and the drought conditions from the 10th of August to the 20th of September. A heatwave occurred after the 10th of September that was conducive to ripening.

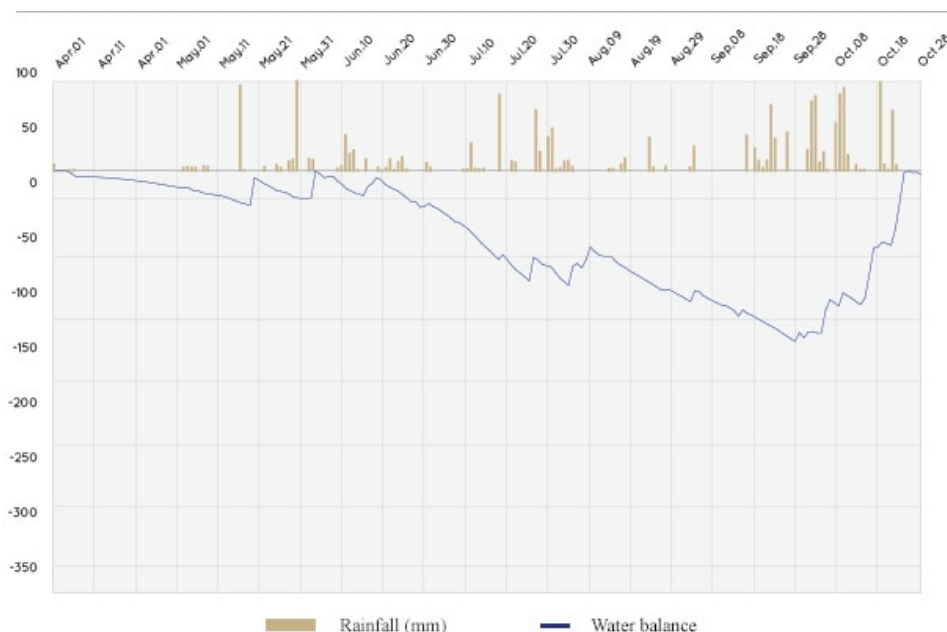
1982 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION



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. The water balance shows that water stress was fairly important this year. This was due to regular, but less-than-average rainfall.

1982 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

1982 was an early-maturing year, with mid-flowering taking place on the 5th of June and mid-véraison on the 9th of August. The harvest started on the 20th of September, and picking went on until the 2nd of October. As is often the case in Bordeaux, a great vintage (grapes in perfect condition, high sugar levels) went hand-in-hand with above-average quantity.

	Begin	End
1982 harvest dates	September, 20th	October, 2nd
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1982 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield (1946 to 2014)
54.3	33.9

BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	13
Total acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	3.43
Volatile acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	0.49
pH	-
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	88
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.6
IPT (DO280)	-