

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

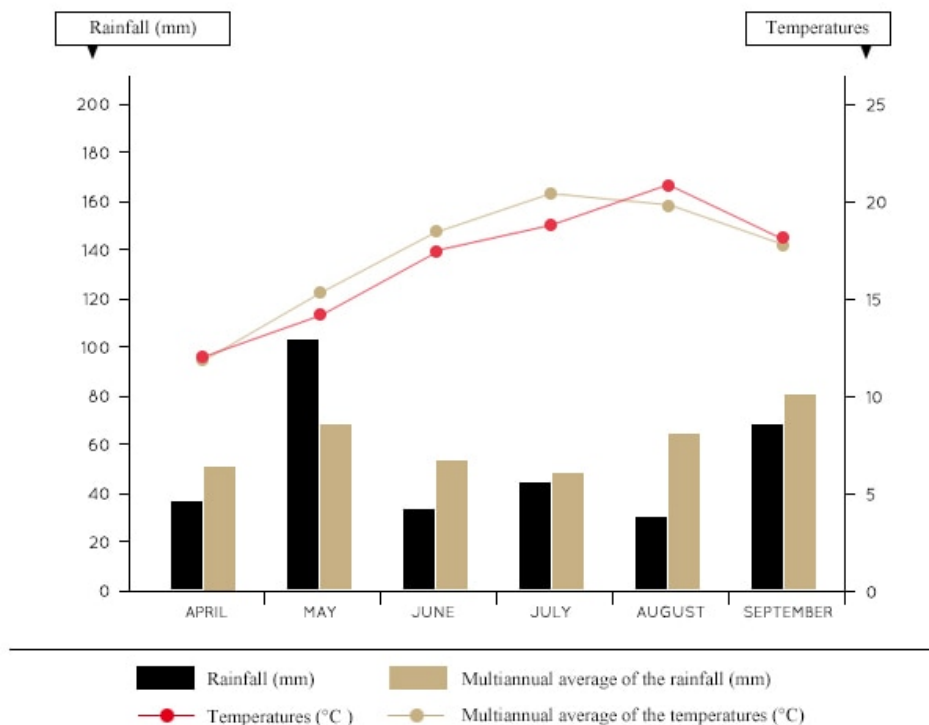
1981

1981 was a cool year in which the grapes took a long time to ripen. The wine has a certain intensity, but has aged quickly. Although still fruity and well-balanced, it should be drunk sooner rather than later.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

The start of the growing season was wet, with many showers in May. Summer was dry, but cool, except for the month of August, which was warmer than average.

1981 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION

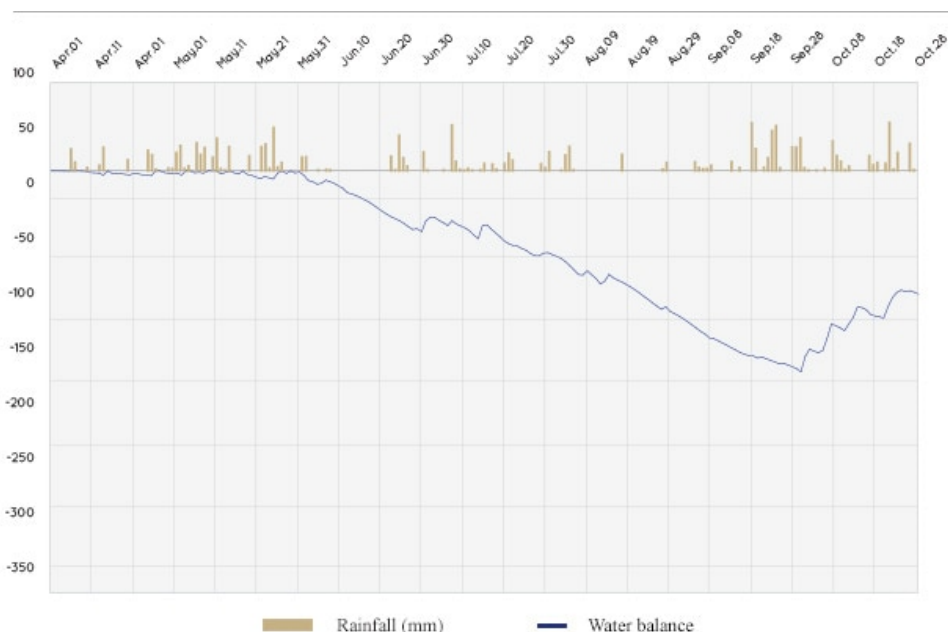


WATER BALANCE

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 1981 weather was not very dry though, due to the small degree of evaporation.

Moderate water stress arrived fairly late.

1981 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

1981 produced a small crop: just 25 hectolitres per hectare. This was a late-ripening year due to cool summer temperatures. The harvest began on the 1st of October. A beautiful Indian summer with average temperatures and little rain enabled the grapes to reach proper maturity. Picking went on from the 1st to the 9th of October.

	Begin	End
1981 harvest dates	October, 1st	October, 9th
Average harvest dates 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1981 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield (1946 to 2014)
25.1	33.9

BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	13
Total acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	3.23
Volatile acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	0.55
pH	-
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	88
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.3
IPT (DO280)	-