

# CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

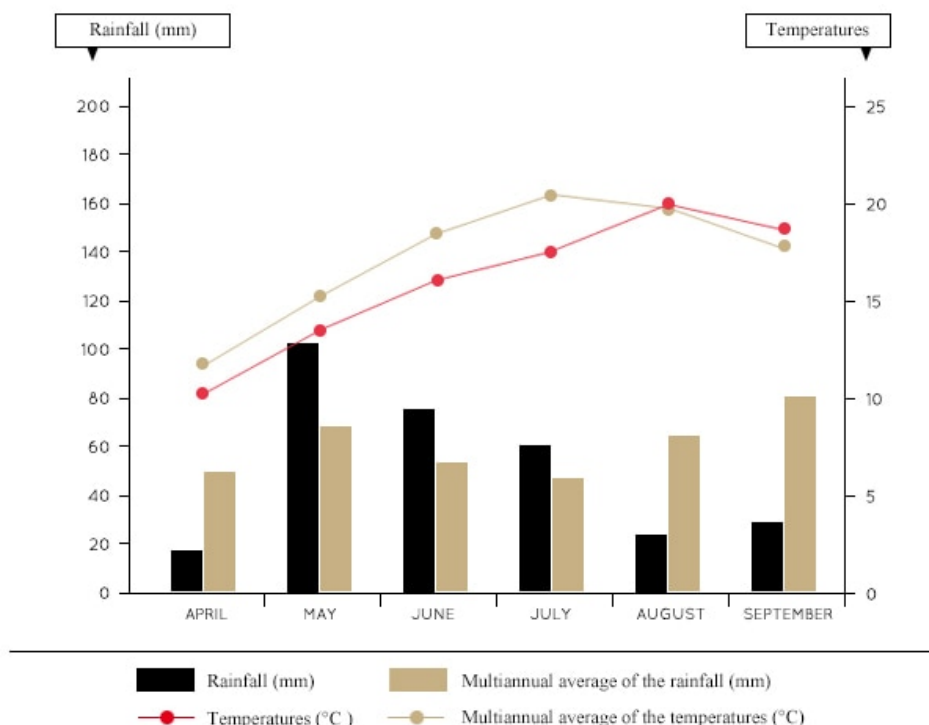
# 1980

1980 was a very cool, late-ripening year. The wine lacks concentration. It was aromatic when young and stills retain a certain elegance and fruitiness, but it does not appear to have a great ageing potential.

## TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

The month of April was cool and dry. May, June, and July were very cool and wet. Dry weather returned in August and September with just about average temperatures. October was very wet, with 65 mm more rain than usual. 1980 set a new record for low temperatures until August.

1980 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION

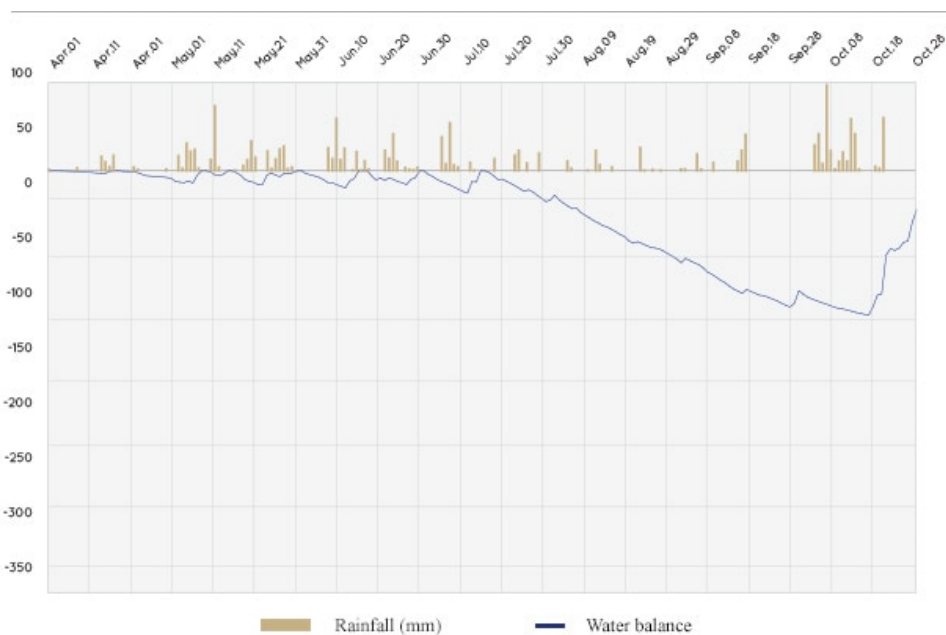


## WATER BALANCE

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 a steady supply this year.

### 1980 WATER BALANCE



### GROWING SEASON

1980 is one of the latest-ripening on record. Flowering did not occur until mid-June, and the harvest started on the 13th of October. Writing in 2012, this was the second latest at Cheval Blanc after 1932 (14th of October).

The crop was small, with yields of 29.2 hectolitres per hectare.

The Merlot grapes suffered a great deal from coulure, so this is very much a Cabernet Franc vintage.

	Begin	End
1980 harvest dates	October, 13th	October, 22th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

### RIPENING AND YIELDS

1980 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield (1946 to 2014)
29.2	33.9

## BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	12.5
Total acidity (g H <sup>2</sup> SO <sub>4</sub> /L)	3.23
Volatile acidity (g H <sup>2</sup> SO <sub>4</sub> /L)	0.52
pH	-
Total SO <sub>2</sub> (mg/L)	80
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.5
IPT (DO280)	-