

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

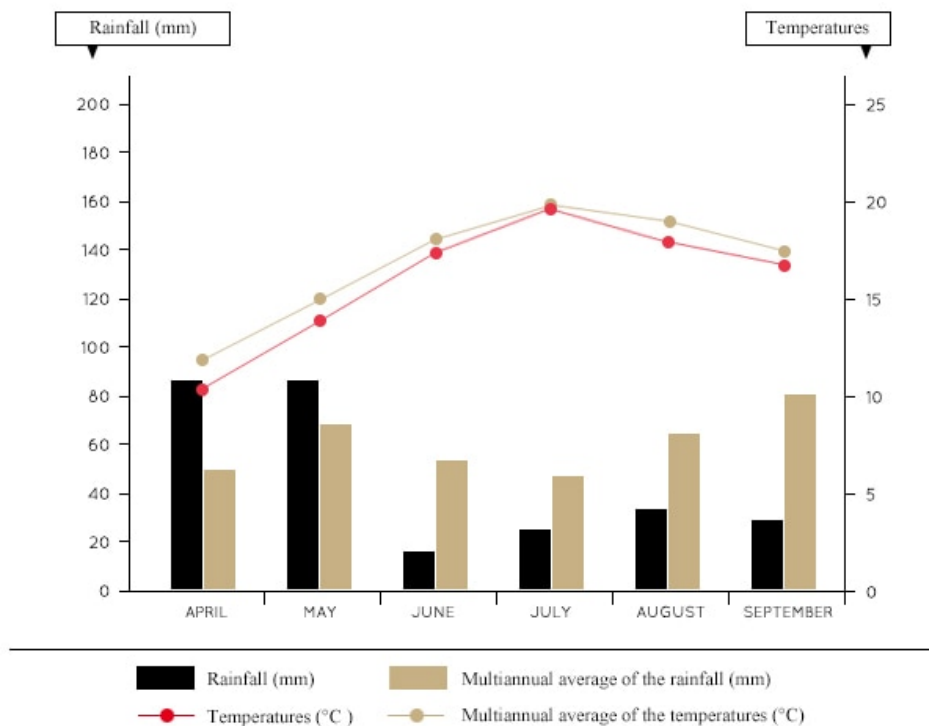
1979

1979 was a cool yet generous year. The wine is of average quality, but has aged quickly and still provides much pleasure today.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

Temperatures were lower than average all through the growing season. After a wet spring, summer and early autumn were dry. Rain returned at an above-average level starting on the 20th of October, but the year remained a moderately dry one on the whole.

1979 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION

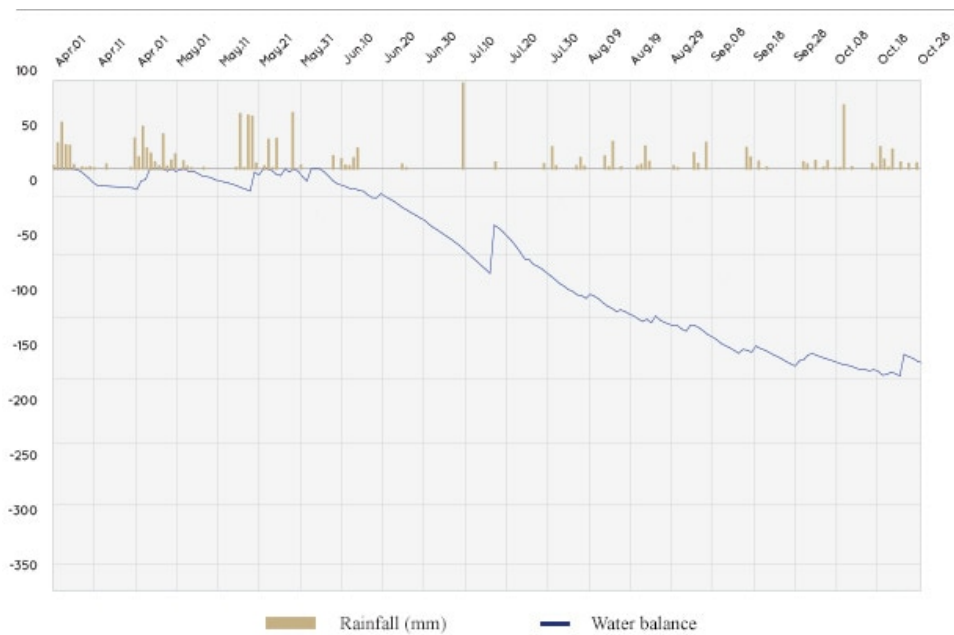


WATER BALANCE

In order to grow well, the vine needs for water stress to set in slowly so the grapes to ripen well and become concentrated. This moderately dry year led to only moderate water stress however, because the

cool temperatures in 1979 caused little evaporation.

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GROWING SEASON

The cool temperatures also slowed down the vine’s growth cycle. Thanks to dry weather, the grapes nevertheless ripened well. Yields were high in 1979, especially Merlot. The harvest was very late: 8-18 October.

	Begin	End
1979 harvest dates	October, 8th	October, 18th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1979 hield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
48.8	33.9

BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	12
Total acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	3.04
Volatile acidity (g H ² SO ₄ /L)	0.46
pH	-
Total SO ₂ (mg/L)	96
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.6
IPT (DO280)	-