

# CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

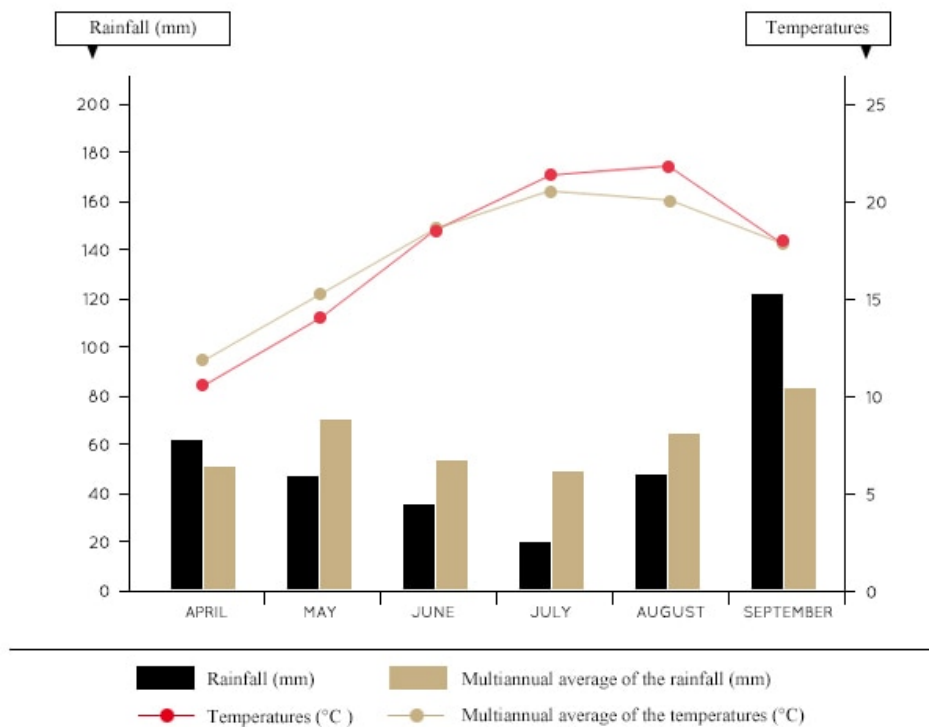
# 1975

This was a benchmark year for Cheval Blanc when the new barrel cellar was inaugurated. 1975 Cheval Blanc was a fine vintage with low yields. The wine's austerity in its youth gave way to a dense, high-quality tannic texture that continues to provide a great deal of pleasure.

## TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

Temperatures were close to usual, except July and August, which were rather hot. May, June, July, and August were dry months, whereas September was fairly wet.

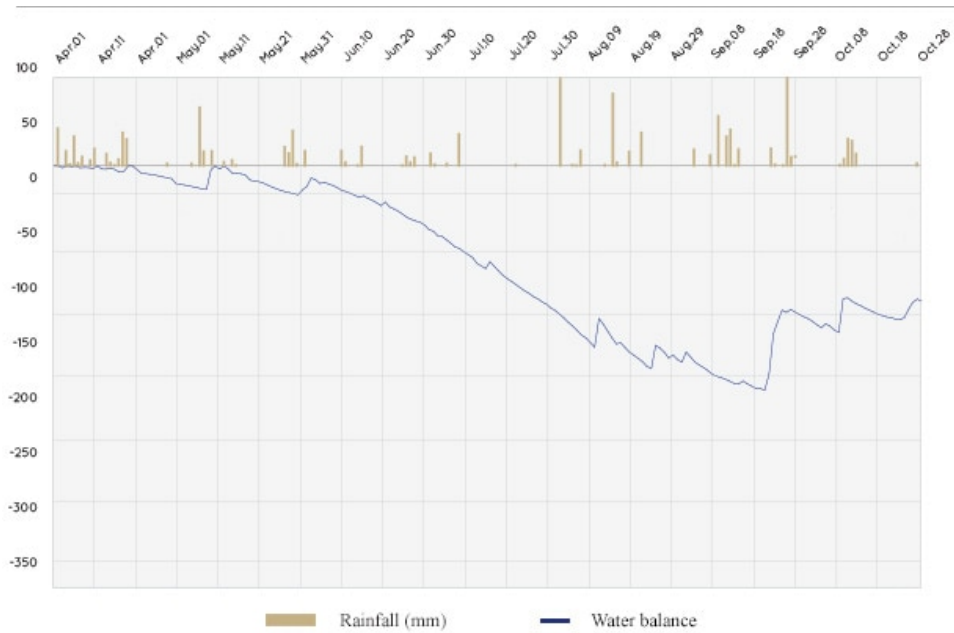
1975 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION



## 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.

## 1975 WATER BALANCE



## GROWING SEASON

Ripening took place at an average date. Many of the Merlot grapes had been affected by coulure, which accounts for the low yields. 1975 came after a series of difficult vintages, including the heavy rains during the 1974 harvest. Having been put off by these challenges, many estates picked too early in 1975, which led to austere wines that did not develop well in bottle. However, Cheval Blanc's early-maturing microclimate, and the decision to wait for the Cabernet Franc grapes to ripen fully, resulted one of the most beautiful wines produced in Bordeaux that year.

## RIPENING AND YIELDS

1975 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
21.5	33.9

## BLENDING

Degree of alcohol	13
Total acidity (g H <sup>2</sup> SO <sub>4</sub> /L)	-
Volatile acidity (g H <sup>2</sup> SO <sub>4</sub> /L)	0.49
pH	-
Free SO <sub>2</sub> (mg/L)	-
Reducing sugar content (g/L)	1.8
IPT (DO280)	58