

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC



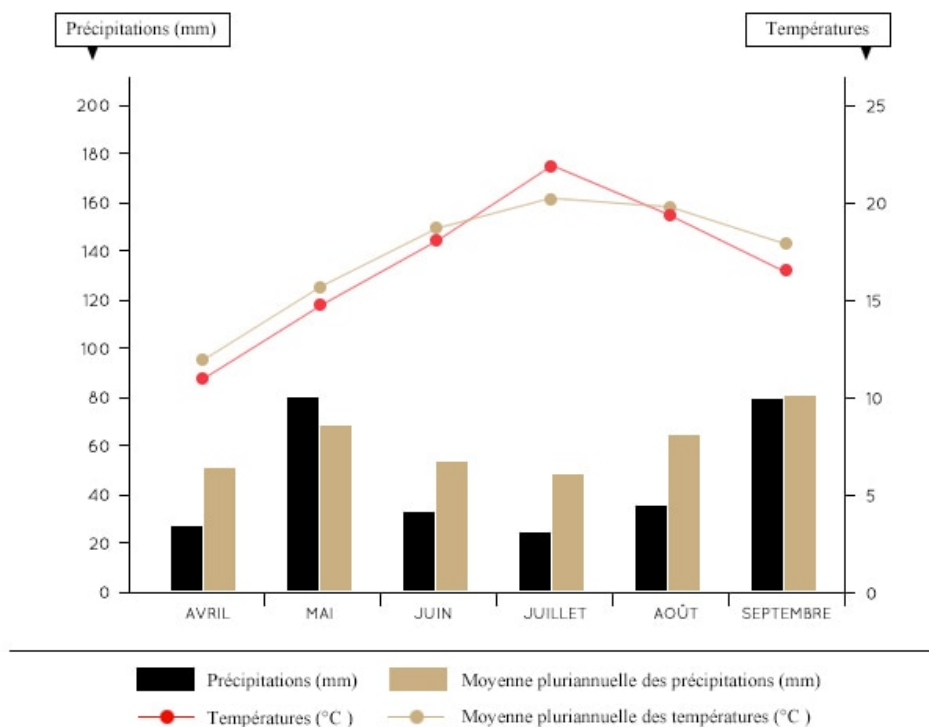
« An awful year for winegrowing, with wet, windy, cold weather, » according to Claude Fourcaud-Laussac, one of the owners of Château Cheval Blanc in 1968. The wine was sold as simple AOC Saint Emilion.

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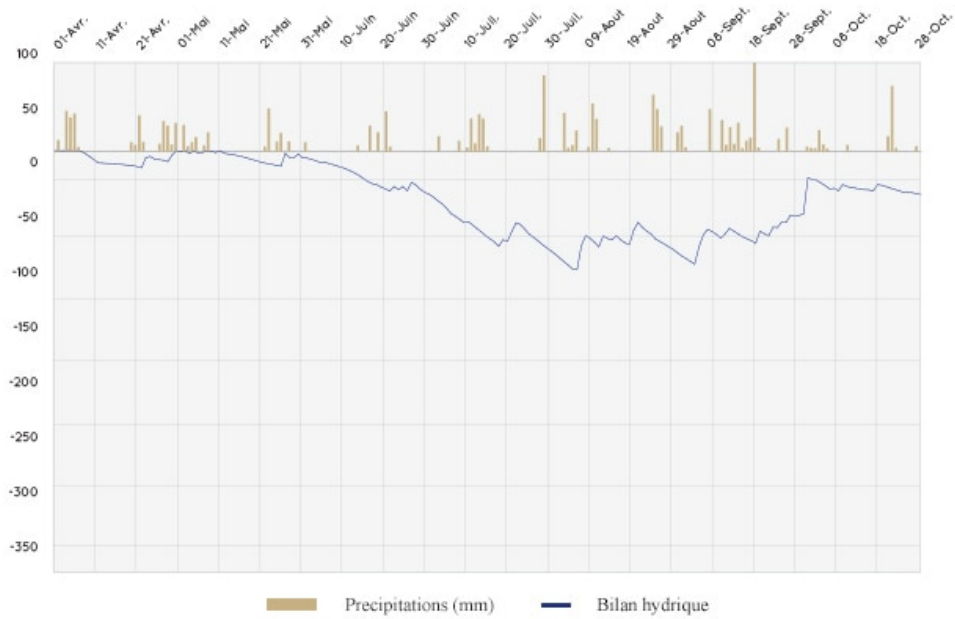
1968 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION



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 there was very little water stress this year. The soil was practically waterlogged during the harvest, which is very rare in Bordeaux.

1968 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

The weather in 1968 was very poor during the « crucial » months i.e. ripening. The harvest took place from the 1st to the 12th of October. Yields were low (25.5 hectolitres per hectare) and there was an alcoholic degree of 12°. The wine was declassified and sold as generic Saint Emilion.

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| 1968 harvest dates | October, 1st | October, 12th |
| Average harvest dates: 1946-2014 | September, 24th | October, 8th |

RIPENING AND YIELDS

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| 1968 yield (hl/ha) | Average yield (1946 to 2014) |
| 25.5 | 33.9 |