

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

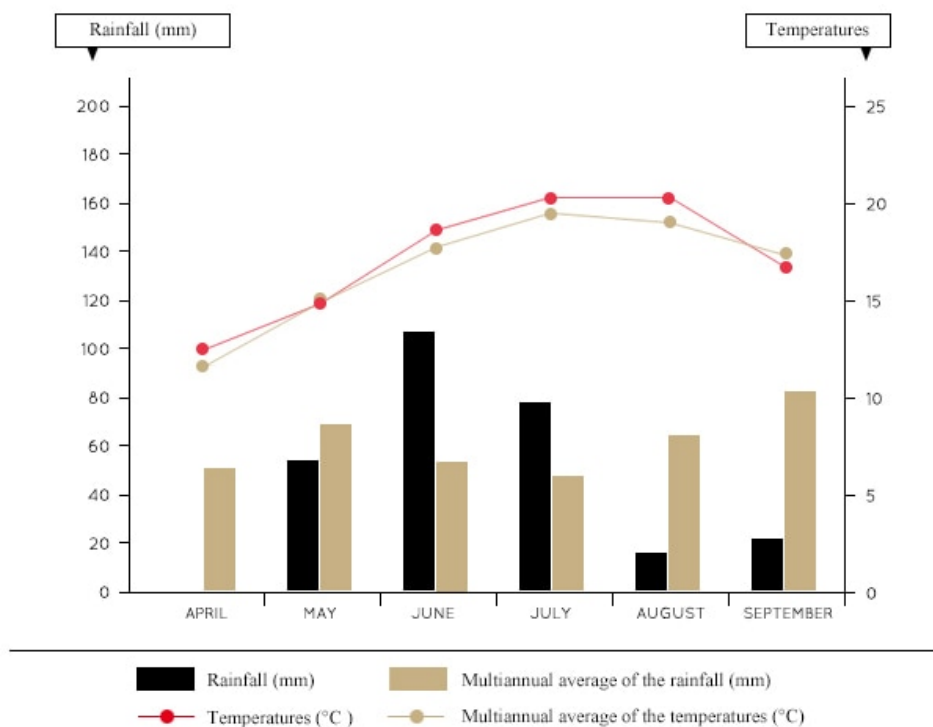
1955

Very Favourable weather enabled 1955 to produce a sizeable crop of very good quality. The wine is rich, powerful, and gives the impression of being sweet. It continues to show surprising structure and a wonderful bouquet. Recently, it was one of the favourite wines in a large vertical tasting of Cheval Blanc.

TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL

The growing season began in April, which was perfectly dry (0 mm of precipitation) and warm. June and July, on the other hand, were wet and hot. Drought conditions prevailed in August and September, whereas the average temperatures in September contributed a certain freshness to the wine. 1955 was, on the whole, a warm vintage that benefited from dry weather during the harvest.

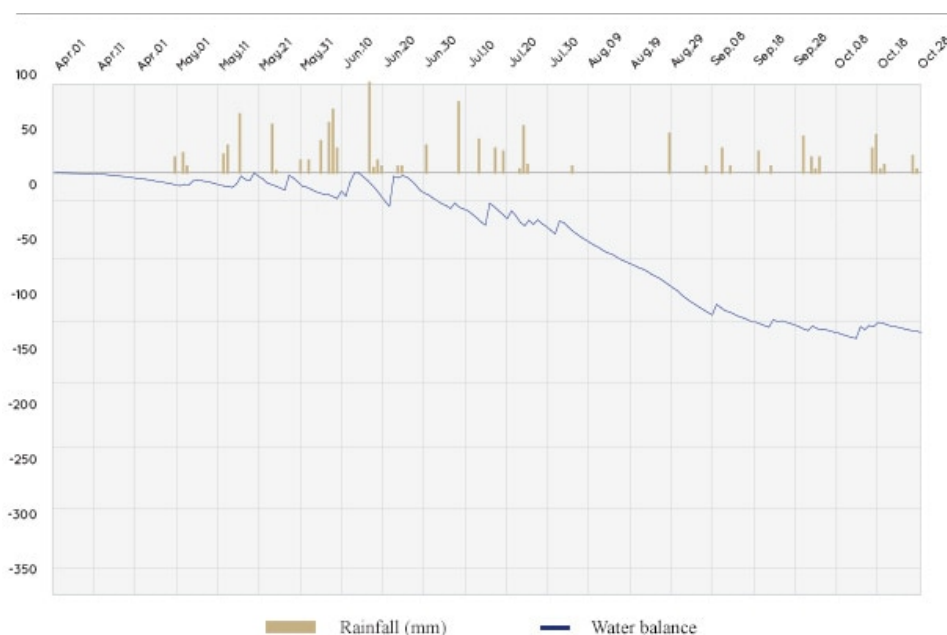
1955 : TEMPERATURES AND RAINFALL COMPARED WITH NORMAL VALUES IN SAINT-EMILION



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 abundant rainfall in June and July had provided more than enough water to the vines. However, dry weather in August and September meant that a slight water stress at the end of the growing season was very beneficial to quality. The weather was beautiful during the harvest.

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GROWING SEASON

There was enough water at the beginning of the growth cycle for good development. The Indian summer was ideal for ripening.

Degree of alcohol: 13°

The yield was high for this period: 42 hectolitres per hectare

The 1955 vintage was aged in 6-year-old barrels.

	Begin	End
1955 harvest dates	September, 20th	October, 6th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1955 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
42.2	33.9