

CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC

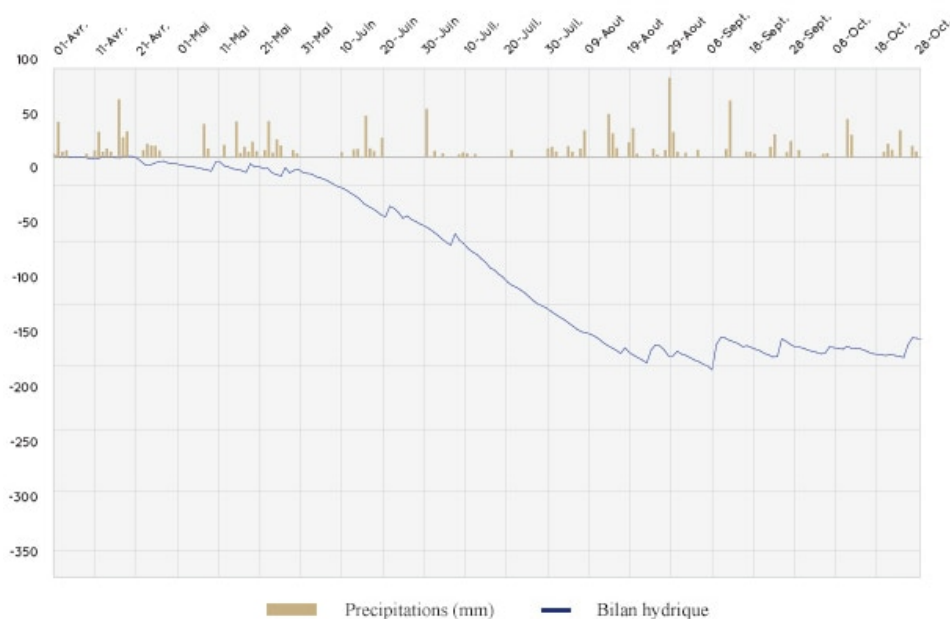


1950 is a superb vintage, combining quantity and quality. It has been somewhat overlooked because of the reputation of the three previous years: 1947-1948-1949. The wine is very complete and rich.

WATER BALANCE

The fine weather in 1950 was conducive to good vegetative growth, especially during bud burst. There was also sufficient water stress to produce good fruit. That is because grapes need to gradually experience a water deficit to achieve optimum concentration.

1950 WATER BALANCE



GROWING SEASON

The fine weather this year was ideal for the vine growth. Flowering took place under perfect conditions and yields amounted to 56.4 hectolitres per hectare. The harvest began on the 18th of September and finished on the 6th of October.

Fermentation was kept under control, even if by somewhat archaic methods – there was not even an electric pump at the time. After this harvest, former owners Jacques and Joseph Fourcaud-Laussac built a 3rd cellar with rubble stone. The lack of space (necessitating the constant moving around of barrels) forced cellarmaster Gaston Vaissière to be very imaginative....

The wine had 13° alcohol.

	Begin	End
1950 harvest date	September, 18th	October, 6th
Average harvest dates: 1946-2014	September, 24th	October, 8th

RIPENING AND YIELDS

1950 yield (hl/ha)	Average yield: 1946 to 2014
56.4	33.9