

KANONKOP

WINE ESTATE



VINTAGE REPORT 2013

"This vintage showed beautiful colour extraction and the Cabernet Sauvignon had exceptional flavour components." – Abrie Beeslaar

A slightly higher crop than 2012, producing good quality red wines in the Stellenbosch region. This vintage was characterised by challenges such as canopy and disease management, extreme heat stress and wind damage during berry set.

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2012

A colder and wetter winter than usual, with above-average rainfall from June to September. The accumulation of soil moisture provided a strong base for the growing season. Cold units were more than sufficient for a complete break of dormancy.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2012

A cold and wet October, 170% above average rainfall, which had a negative effect on flowering and berry set. Accumulated soil moisture combined with warmer November conditions accelerated shoot growth and led to dense canopies. Strong November winds caused some damage. December was the warmest in years, with 23 days above 30°C.

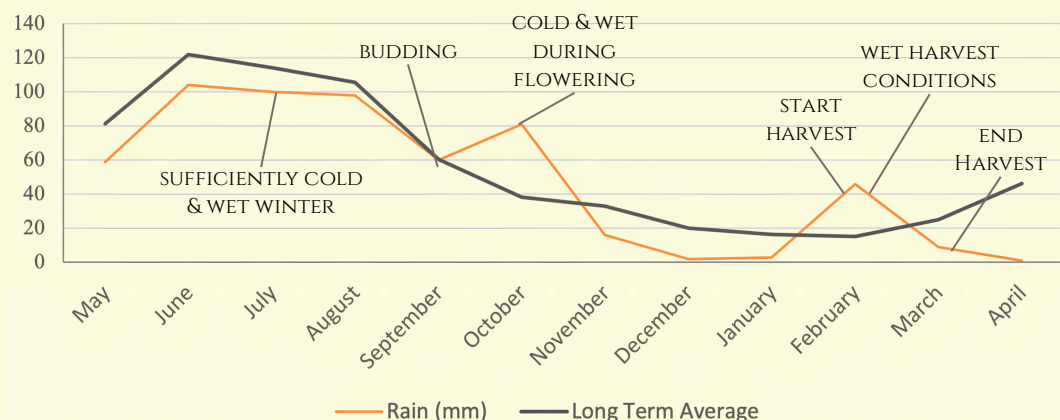
HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2013

January and February were wetter than usual, with greater day-night temperature variation, a positive influence on grape quality during ripening. The vineyards also showed very little symptoms of leafroll virus, indicating good vineyard health. Between 9 and 11 February, 50mm of rain fell, benefiting the later ripening varieties. Pinotage showed high sugars with sticky, coarse skins. Patience was required to reach optimal flavour ripeness. The riper grapes showed less green herbaceous characters.

The water supply levels were sufficient throughout the season and all irrigation needs were easily fulfilled. Red varieties showed beautiful colour extraction, and the Cabernet Sauvignon produced smaller berries with exceptional flavour components. A great vintage for Stellenbosch reds.

2013 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2013 Vintage Temperature Chart

