

# KANONKOP

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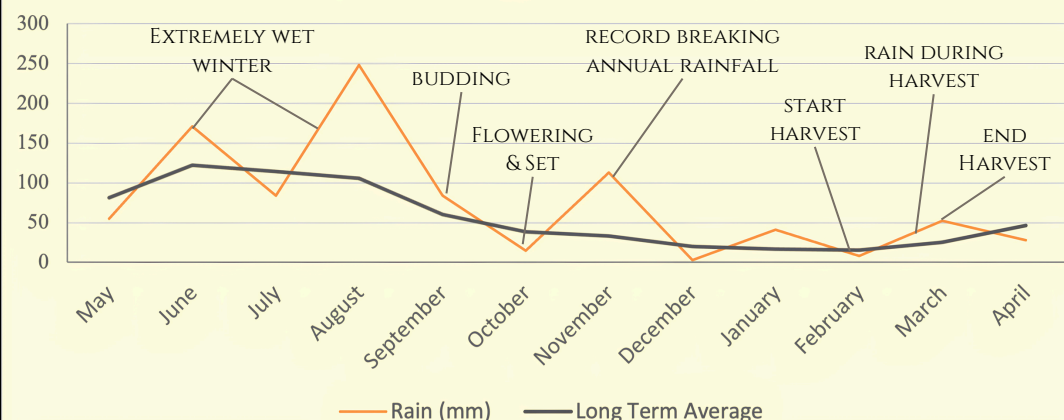


## VINTAGE REPORT 2014

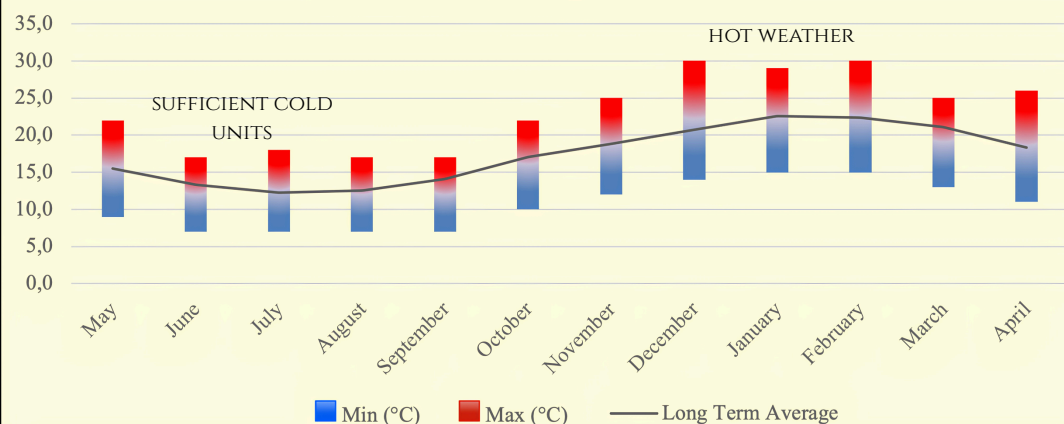
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– Abrie Beeslaar

2014 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2014 Vintage Temperature Chart



The Stellenbosch region produced an exceptional harvest in 2014 with regards to yield and quality, together with one of the wettest seasons we had in years. Extreme high water supply during the cell division phase, good climate conditions during flowering and berry set as well as the absence of damaging winds, all contributed to good yields.

### WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2013

An exceptionally wet winter. The annual rainfall was the highest recorded in 48 years by year-end. Very cold conditions with solid rainfall throughout. Budding occurred two weeks later than usual as a result of the sustained cold.

### GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2013

Rain continued after budding, with 100mm falling on 15 November, negatively impacting Cabernet Sauvignon flowering. High soil water levels and warm December temperatures led to vigorous shoot growth, requiring intensive canopy management. Disease pressure was high.

### HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2014

40mm of rain fell on 7 to 8 January, delaying the need for irrigation. Pinotage was noted as late on 9 January, with very few berries yet in veraison. Very warm mid-February conditions accelerated the harvest dramatically, placing immense pressure on cellar capacity. Frequent rain showers during March stretched out the ripening period, and Cabernet Sauvignon was picked later than normal.

The pressure of fungal diseases was high as a result of the wet weather conditions during the growth season and the fact that the soil remained wet for a long time. Downy Mildew occurred at the beginning of the growth season, and Botrytis rot also caused some visible damage. Overall, juice recoveries were higher than usual, grape analyses were acceptable and maturity was reached at lower sugar levels. Despite higher yields, wines were elegant and of exceptional quality, with beautiful colours.