

KANONKOP

WINE ESTATE



VINTAGE REPORT 2017

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Beautiful, elegant and complex, with great ageing
potential." – Abrie Beeslaar*

A challenging season which resulted in a smaller, but exceptional harvest. This was the second season in a row which was extremely dry and limited irrigation water was available to ripen the crop. These challenging conditions, however, produced healthy and high quality grapes to ensure we could make wines of the highest quality.

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2016

The third consecutive dry winter, producing fewer cold units than ideal. Rainfall from June to August was lower than the previous year, and day and night temperatures were warmer than usual. A warm spring resulted in early budding of Pinotage.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2016

October to November was warm with regular rain showers, particularly during flowering and berry set of the late-ripening Cabernet Sauvignon, resulting in poor berry set and loose bunches. December was slightly drier and cooler during the day. Continuous winds at end of December dried the soil rapidly, producing smaller berries and necessitating earlier irrigation. High pest pressure was noted.

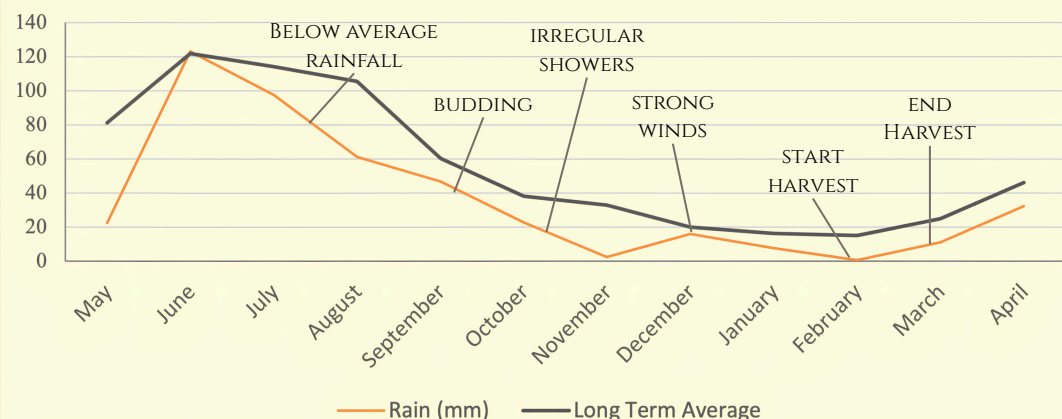
HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2017

Rain on 23 and 27 January preceded the harvest start on 31 January with Pinotage from Block 307. Night temperatures dropped in February, allowing slow, even sugar accumulation. Very dry, warm conditions at the end of March accelerated Cabernet Sauvignon ripening. No remarkable heatwaves occurred. Smaller berries across all cultivars delivered excellent colour and flavour intensity.

The quality of the 2017 wines is excellent, mainly due to the smaller berry size across all cultivars, which leads to better colour and flavour intensity. Grape analyses showed higher acidity levels than the previous year, minimising the need for additional tartaric acid during vinification. This vintage produced wines with beautiful elegance, complexity, and ageing potential. Wines with vivacity and fine flavour concentration.

2017 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2017 Vintage Temperature Chart

