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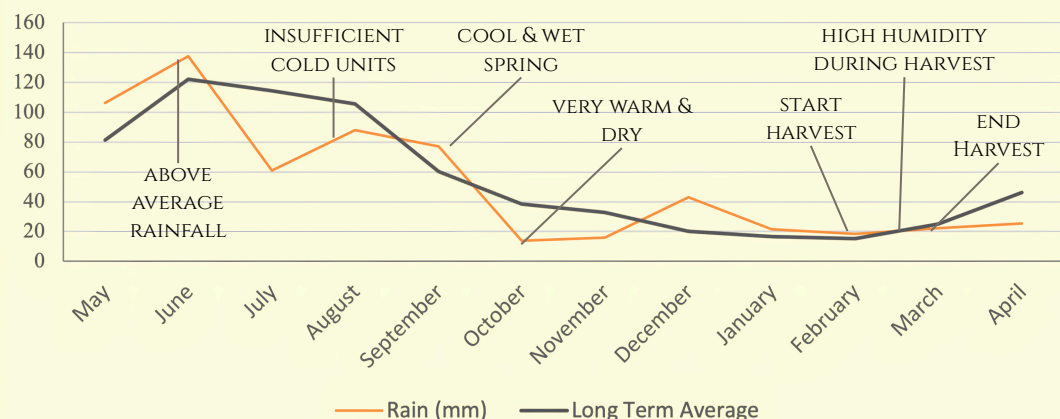
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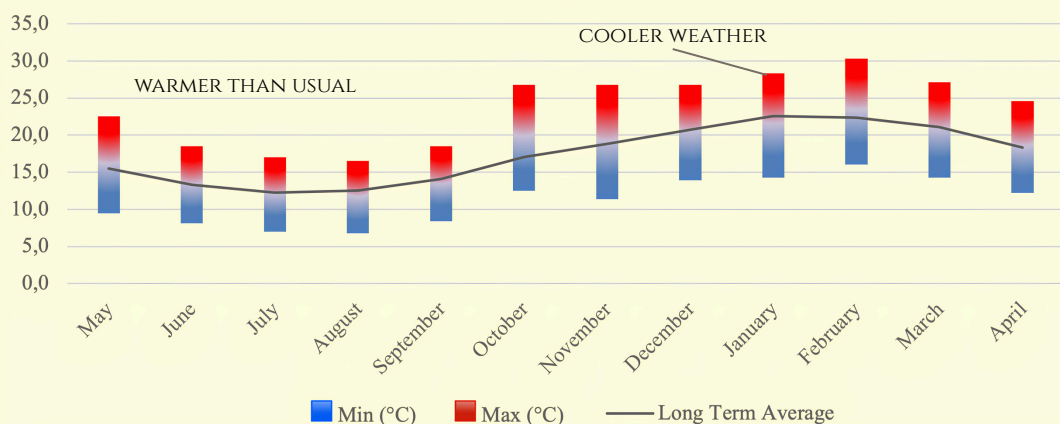
VINTAGE REPORT 2019

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2019 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2019 Vintage Temperature Chart



The carry-over effect of the previous three year's drought was still visible in this vintage, despite the higher rainfall, delivering a smaller crop of high quality. Irregular temperatures from winter until the flowering period, together with cool growing conditions, led to great variations in the vineyards. The cool weather and regular rain showers resulted in less water stress for the vines during ripening.

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2018

Winter rainfall was higher than the previous two seasons, though still in line with the long-term average. Dam levels nearly recovered fully after recent droughts. June to August was characterised by warm temperatures above 25°C, negatively affecting the accumulation of cold units and causing early budding.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2018

The relatively cool and wet spring, combined with untimely budding of Pinotage, led to uneven growth during the initial stages. Temperatures from October to November were very irregular, with the last week of October and first week of November particularly cold. This, coupled with lower rainfall and strong winds, had a negative effect on flowering and berry set. Despite the relative low water stress, the cool weather contributed to smaller berries on bunches.

HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2019

Harvest commenced on 30 January with 90 tonnes of Pinotage on the first day. Normal timing for Pinotage. January was relatively cool, and February was warm as usual. More than 100mm of rain was measured from January to March. Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc accumulated sugars at a slow pace. Fungal disease pressure was high due to elevated humidity, but manageable.

Early-ripening varieties expressed high malic acid levels, with low pH. While colour and tannin extractions were slightly lower than in 2018, this will contribute to elegant wines. 2019 produced a small but pristine crop, showing freshness and concentration. The wines from this vintage should likely be longer-lived than those from 2018.