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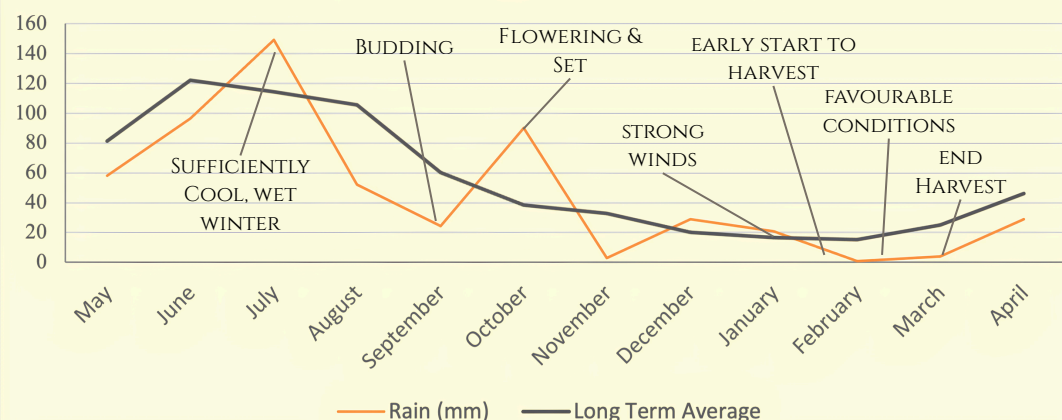
WINE ESTATE



VINTAGE REPORT 2020

"The 2020 vintage delivered elegant, classic wines with extended ageing potential." – Abrie Beeslaar

2020 Vintage Rainfall Chart



The 2020 vintage had a sufficiently wet winter with even budding. There was a cool, moderate growing season and harvest, with vineyards maintaining good health throughout. Good quality grapes were delivered with beautifully ripe tannins, producing elegant wines with good aging potential.

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2019

The best winter in four years, with sufficient wet and cold units providing an excellent foundation. Warm weather during September and October resulted in rapid, even budding. All vineyards showed signs from the outset that the 2020 harvest would arrive earlier than the norm.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2019

Very good rains at the end of October and beginning of November relieved vine stress and promoted vigorous growth. November and December were cooler than usual. During the second week of January, strong winds up to 177 km/h and a short heatwave were recorded, but the cooler preceding months provided sufficient buffer in the vines to prevent any major quality impact.

HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2020

During the ripening period, weather remained highly favourable. Harvest started earlier than usual, with the different grape varieties being picked between 7 and 10 days earlier than normal. Excellent ripeness was achieved across all varieties, and Cabernet Franc delivered above-average quality. Both Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc were harvested at lower sugar levels than the long-term average, delivering wines of moderate alcohol.

The crop was only slightly bigger than the small 2019 harvest, but the overall small berry size will deliver wines with intense flavour and aromatic spectrums. We obtained beautiful ripe tannins throughout the season, and we expect that the 2020 vintage will deliver elegant, classic wines with extended ageing potential.

2020 Vintage Temperature Chart

