

KANONKOP

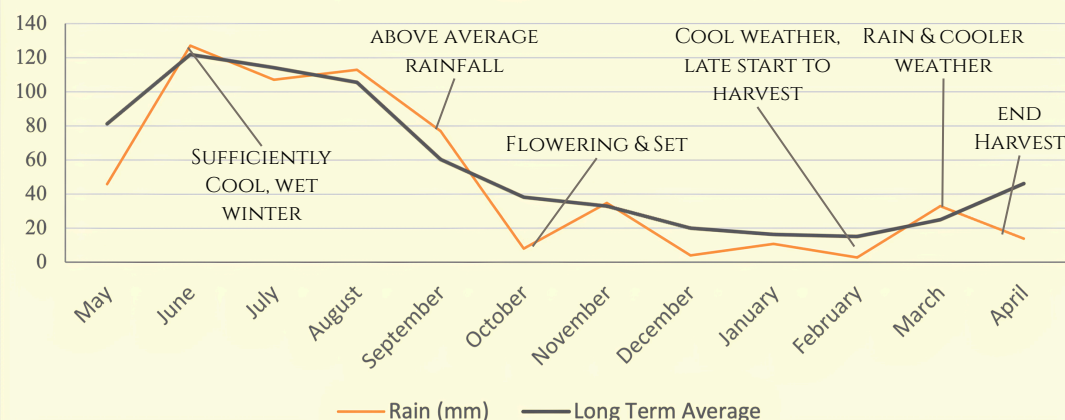
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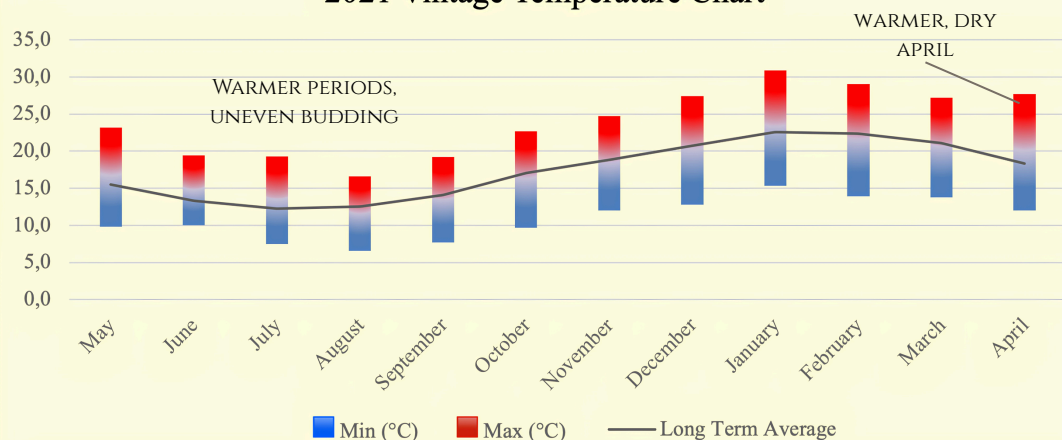
VINTAGE REPORT 2021

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2021 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2021 Vintage Temperature Chart



The late start to the 2021 harvest was one of the distinguishing hallmarks of this vintage. In fact, during Abrie's 22-vintage tenure at Kanonkop, this vintage was the latest we had ever started harvesting the Pinotage grapes, but their quality proved to be exceptional!

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2020

Sufficient winter rains in 2020 provided a reasonable start to the growing cycle. However, warmer periods during the latter part of winter resulted in some uneven budding, flowering and berry set, raising early concerns about uneven ripening.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2020

Above-average rainfall and generally cooler temperatures characterised the growing season. Despite dry conditions during October and December, soil moisture levels remained satisfactory throughout the growing and ripening phases. No strong winds or heatwaves were recorded leading up to harvest.

HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2021

January's weather conditions were in line with the long-term average, but February was considerably cooler than usual, contributing to slow, extended ripening and the latest Pinotage harvest start in years. During the second week of March, 50mm of rain fell. Combined with cooler conditions, this slowed ripening of late varieties that started showing signs of slip skin. A warm spell during the third week of March assisted those late blocks to ripen through, and harvest ended on 30 March.

An excellent year for Pinotage due to longer hang time. The later varieties like Cabernet Sauvignon were picked at lower sugar levels producing wines with moderate alcohol. The 2021 vintage produced wines with less powerful tannins, but accessible and drinkable from an earlier age.