

KANONKOP

WINE ESTATE



VINTAGE REPORT 2022

“2022 will be remembered for a cool spring and a later harvest. Great for Pinotage and Cabernet Franc”

– Francois Van Zyl

A good vintage leading from a very cool, wet winter. Snow at the end of winter in the surrounding areas delayed budding. A moderate growing season, followed by some hot weather just before harvest, which started later than usual.

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2021

The beginning of the 2022 vintage showed great promise, thanks to adequate winter rainfall and sufficient cold units. We recorded 515 mm of rain during winter, contributing to a total of 732 mm for the year – the highest amount of rainfall since 2013. Additionally, some snowfall at the end of August resulted in budding being two weeks late.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2021

Due to later budding in September, flowering and fruit set were delayed, which ultimately pushed back harvest dates. Rainfall in October and November helped increase vine vigour but also added moisture, leading to higher disease and weed pressure. The more vigorous vines required more regular canopy management. Grape bunches were larger, with side bunches that had to be removed to prevent overcrowding. This was especially true for our Merlot and Pinotage.

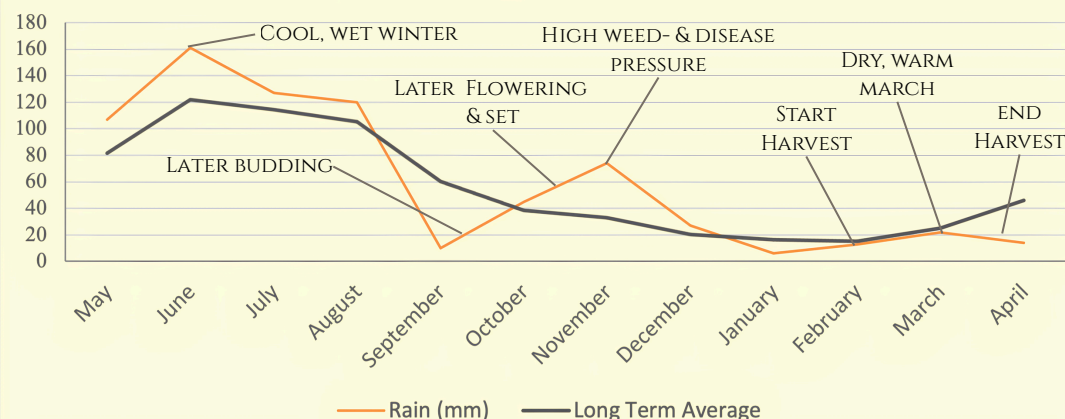
HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2022

January ended with very warm weather, and we started harvesting Pinotage on 7 February. The warm, drier conditions in March also contributed to the good ripening of our Bordeaux varietals, allowing us to bring in our last Cabernets on 30 March.

Pinotage came in at higher sugars, but still kept its freshness at the higher alcohol levels. The Merlots developed phenomenal colour. Wines were less acidic overall with a higher pH. A good year for Pinotage and Cabernet Franc.

2022 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2022 Vintage Temperature Chart

