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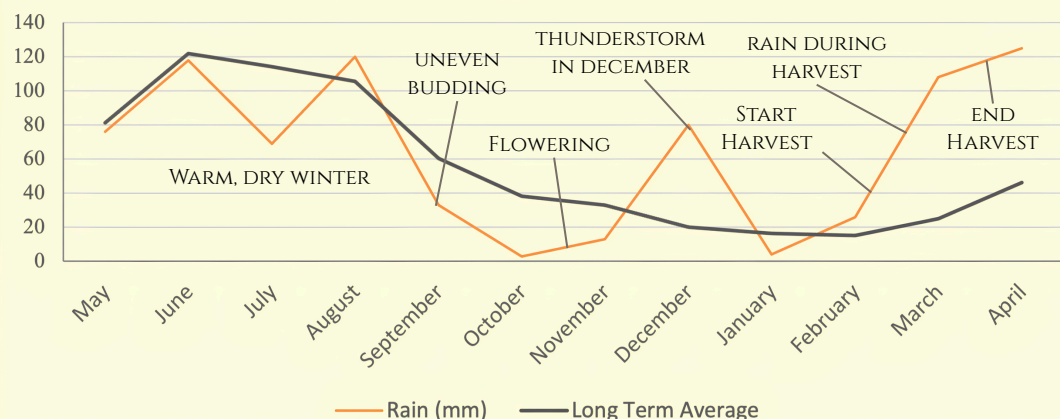


VINTAGE REPORT 2023

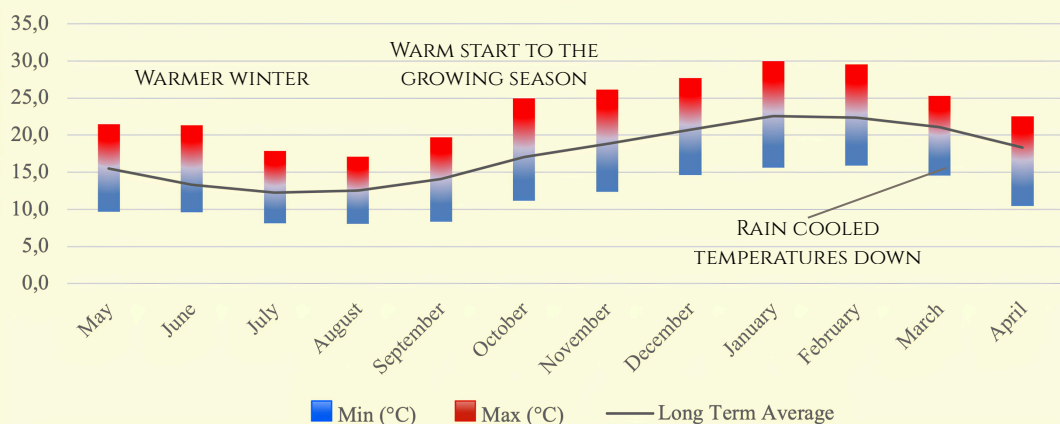
*“2023 will be remembered as a year of contrast
producing classic wines that are fresh and balanced”*

– Francois Van Zyl

2023 Vintage Rainfall Chart



2023 Vintage Temperature Chart



A vintage that saw a contrast from start to finish, with below average rainfall during the winter season and above average rainfall at the end of the harvest period. Despite challenges this vintage produced good quality wines that are elegant in style and classic in character.

WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2022

A relatively dry winter with below average rainfall combined with warmer temperatures in June and July, which resulted in fewer cold units accumulated than normal. This caused uneven budding at the onset of spring.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2022

Warm, dry conditions continued at the start of the growing season, with high humidity which led to an increase in disease pressure. Some vineyards had to be irrigated earlier than normal due to below average rainfall. On 11 December, a thunderstorm brought 80 mm of rain, which was a welcome relief heading into veraison.

HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2023

A dry and cool January and February led to excellent ripening conditions. Harvesting of Pinotage started on 6 February. The unexpected 108 mm of rain during March made harvesting of the later-ripening varieties a challenge due to wet vineyards and strain on cellar capacity. Temperatures fell and ripening slowed down. The last Cabernet Sauvignons were harvested on 28 March. Large, compact bunches with good shoulder development contributed to higher yields. However, there was a general 20% decrease in Cabernet Sauvignon yields for the entire Stellenbosch region.

This vintage produced classic wines, bringing to mind the 1997 vintage. Despite higher yields, wines were elegant and of good quality, with beautiful colours.