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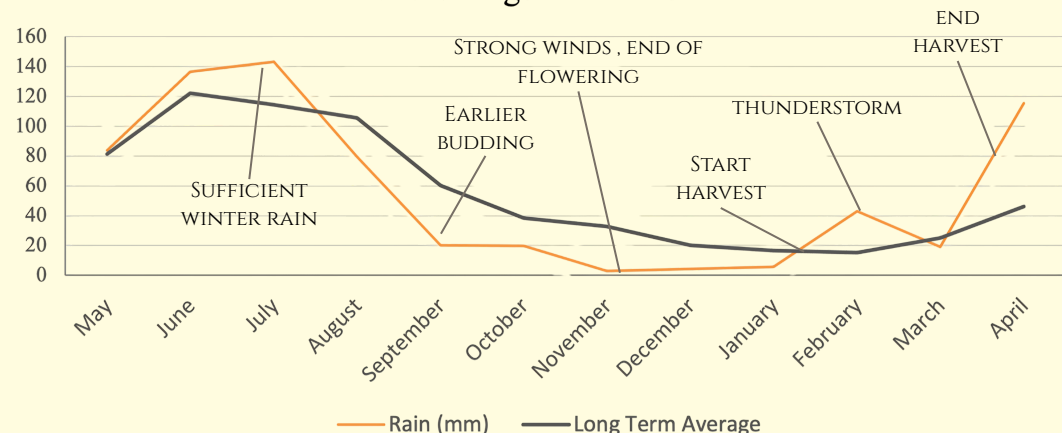


VINTAGE REPORT 2026

“A large and demanding harvest with great potential in our Bordeaux varieties”

– Francois Van Zyl

2026 Vintage Rainfall Chart



WINTER SEASON

May - Aug. 2025

Following the 2025 harvest, favourable rainfall provided a strong foundation for the 2026 vintage. Winter rainfall was sufficient, although slightly higher temperatures in August indicated an earlier start to the growing season.

GROWING SEASON

Sep. - Dec. 2025

A warm, dry August resulted in early budding, necessitating careful vineyard management for balanced growth. Low summer rainfall prompted earlier irrigation, while strong winds impacted our later-blooming Cabernet Sauvignons. Elevated temperatures in November and December accelerated the veraison process.

HARVEST SEASON

Jan. - Apr. 2026

A warm and dry January led to an early harvest, with the first Pinotage bins arriving on January 27. By February, both Pinotage and Merlot were processed at full capacity. A February thunderstorm and warmer March temperatures accelerated the arrival of our Cabernet Sauvignons, with the last bins collected by March 18. The 2026 vintage had a larger crop mainly due to increased Pinotage yield.

2026 Vintage Temperature Chart

