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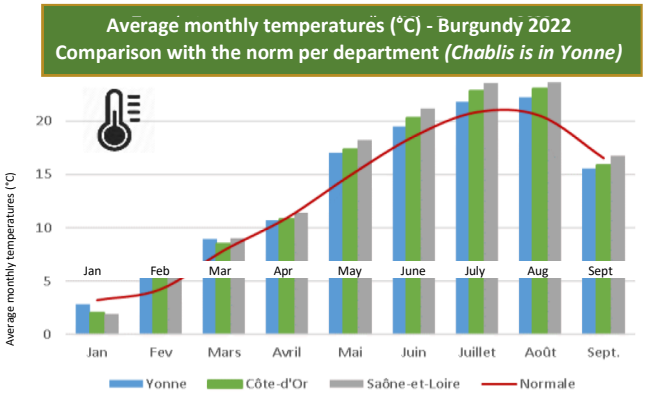
THE 2022 VINTAGE IN THE CÔTE D'OR

A highly anticipated vintage

1—Weather data

Temperatures

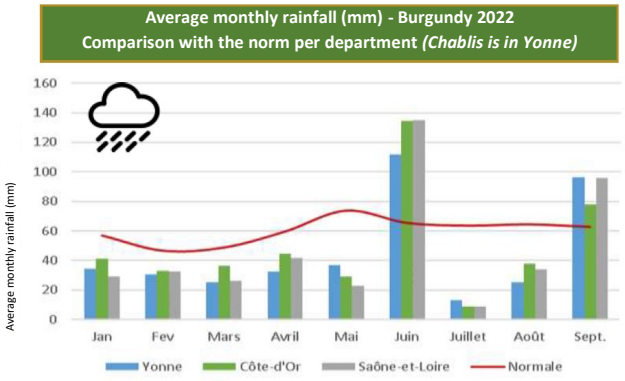
- January: colder than normal (-1 °C).
- February: unusually mild (+2 °C), persisting into March.
- April: chilly or even cold start to the month. Four nights of frost between 3 and 10 April.
- Subsequent months were warmer, with average temperature differences ranging from +1 to +2.5 °C. May was the hottest on record over the last 50 years.
- June, July and August saw significant spikes in temperatures. 2022 recorded the second hottest summer since 1947.



- In September, average temperatures were close to normal, although the second half of the month was cooler.

Rainfall

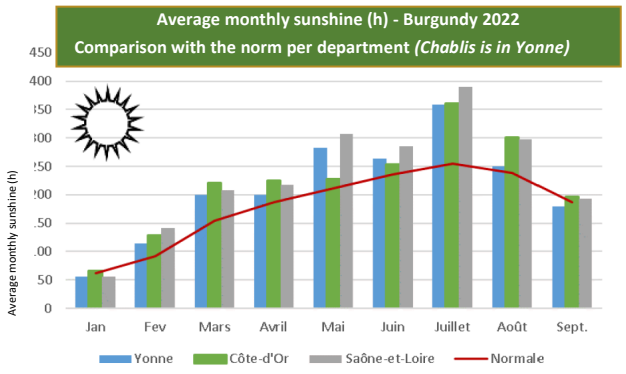
- Between January and May, the rainfall deficit worsened, reaching an average of 42% by the end of May.
- By contrast, June enjoyed plenty of rain (double the normal amount), with thunderstorms between 21 and 25 June.
- The weather was particularly dry in July and August, despite thunderstorms in the second half of August.
- September saw the return of excessive rainfall levels.



- From January to September, total rainfall was still an average of 21.5% below normal.

Sunshine

- February and March were exceptionally sunny for the season.
- There was more sunshine than normal throughout the months of January to September.
- A total of 372 extra hours of sunshine (23%) were recorded in 2022.



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2 - Evolution of the growing season on our estate

Winter was fairly cold and dry, but there was no frost. The intense vegetative growth rate made work challenging for the teams in the spring. Flowering came on early, around 23 May, and June was very warm. At the end of the month, a salutary storm provided between 100 mm and 200 mm of water (depending on the area). This helped the vines to withstand the hot, dry weather throughout the summer.

We didn't think out the leaves to protect the grapes from the heatwave; instead we applied kaolin and managed to preserve a good integrity of the bunches right up to harvesting. To preserve a high concentration and bring out the best in the terroir, we conducted a green harvest.

The scorching weather in July and August led to some water scarcity and a slowdown in the veraison. The storm on 19 August, with its 15 mm to 25 mm of rain, helped the vines regain momentum and achieve great ripeness, fine degrees, and excellent health.

Comment from Frédéric Weber: 'We must not forget that we were extremely lucky with the heavy rainfall at the end of June, which helped the plants to withstand the summer drought. Without that rain, we would most certainly have experienced major problems: in my opinion, this is the reason for such a promising vintage.'

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