

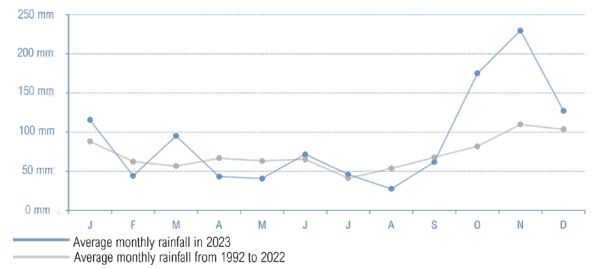
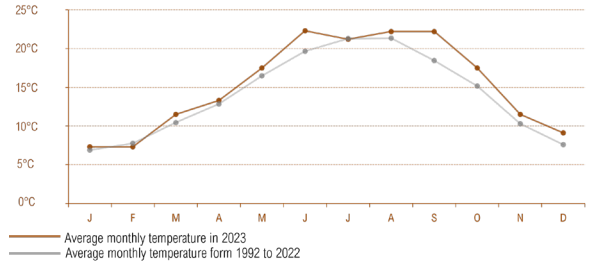


CHATEAU CLERC MILON

2023 VINTAGE

VINTAGE REPORT

After a lack of rainfall in 2022, a mild and wet winter replenished water reserves in the soil. The vine growth cycle started in good conditions in early April despite a cold snap that caused no damage. Mild weather and close-to-normal rainfall throughout spring stimulated vine growth, and in these favourable conditions flowering took place perfectly in late May, five days earlier than the average. The season concluded with a new record in June, the hottest since we started keeping track of temperatures in 1962, confirming the overall trend for 2023. The vine cycle continued at a regular pace, several days ahead of the average. While successive heatwaves hit France in the height of summer, the Atlantic seaboard and the Bordeaux vineyard experienced only two very hot spells, in late August and early September, the latter marking the start of the harvest. Unstable weather set in during picking as hot and sunny days alternated with stormy spells. The grapes continued to ripen with every favourable moment, while the rainfall both refined the skins and slowed the accumulation of sugar. The 2023 harvest ended in the last week of September in ideal weather and warm sunshine.



VINEYARD

Surface area in production 41 ha (101 acres)
 Average age 47 years
 Type of soil Gravel and clay-limestone

MATURING

New barrels 55%
 Duration 18 months

VEGETATION CYCLE

BUDBREAK
 29 March to 3 April

FLOWERING
 29 to 30 May

VERAISON
 24 to 29 July

HARVEST

7 to 29 September

VARIETAL MIX

Cabernet Sauvignon 72%
 Merlot 19%
 Cabernet Franc 6.5%
 Carmenère 1.5%
 Petit Verdot 1%

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume 13.5%
 pH 3.83

TASTING NOTES

Deep red with a garnet hue, the wine reveals refined, elegant bilberry and blackcurrant aromas accompanied by subtle hints of cedarwood and pepper. Creamy smoothness and precision are underpinned by well-structured, stylish tannins, imparting great complexity. The dense, full-bodied texture typical of great Cabernet Sauvignon is lifted by an attractive burst of fruit. The freshness lingers on the finish, enhanced by touches of cocoa-bean and liquorice.