

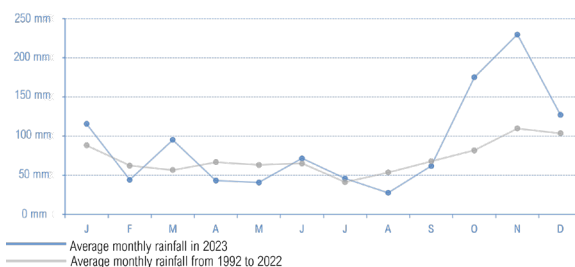
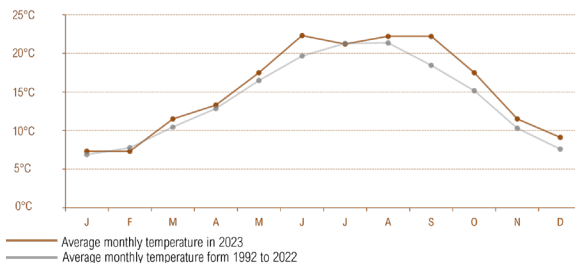


Aile d'Argent

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 9 ha (22 acres)
 Average age 14 years
 Type of soil Sandy gravel

MATURING

New barrels 45%
 Duration 9 months

VEGETATION CYCLE

BUDBREAK
 9 to 12 April

FLOWERING
 31 May to 3 June

VERAISON
 2 August

HARVEST
 29 August to 6 September

VARIETAL MIX

Sauvignon Blanc 50%
 Sémillon 44.5%
 Sauvignon Gris 5%
 Muscadelle 0.5%

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume 13.5%
 pH 3.20
 Malolactic fermentation 0%

TASTING NOTES

Pale yellow with green highlights, the wine is both intense and expressive on the nose, opening on citrus and white fruit aromas then going on with airing to reveal tropical fruit, mineral and white pepper notes. From a fresh and zesty attack with hints of lemon and spice, it shows a smoother, creamier side on the palate, revealing pastry, feijoa and apricot flavours, while roasted, toasted notes harmoniously accompany the finish.