

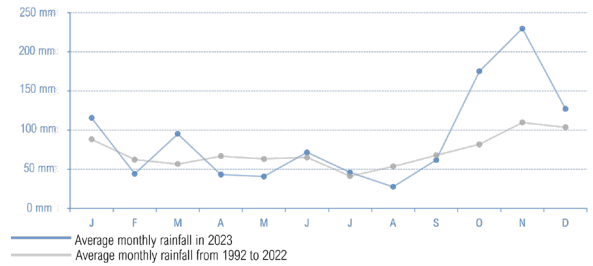
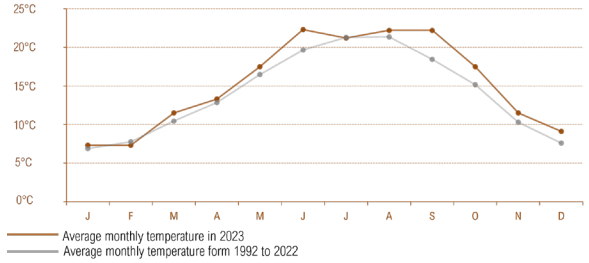


Chateau d'Armailhac

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 80 ha (198 acres)
 Average age 40 years
 Type of soil Light and deep gravel

MATURING

New barrels 50%
 Duration 18 months

VEGETATION CYCLE

BUDBREAK
 1 to 7 April

FLOWERING
 30 to 31 May

VERAISON
 2 to 5 August

HARVEST
 7 to 30 September

VARIETAL MIX

Cabernet Sauvignon 70%
 Merlot 15%
 Cabernet Franc 13%
 Petit Verdot 2%

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume 13.5%
 pH 3.75

TASTING NOTES

A dark and intense red with a crimson hue, the wine releases red fruit aromas accompanied by light and subtle floral notes as well as delicate touches of candy that combine harmoniously with black cherry. Smooth and precise, it reveals refined, elegant tannins along with freshness and beautiful balance. That impression persists, accompanied by pleasant spice and pepper notes, then ripe fruit flavours that linger long on the finish.