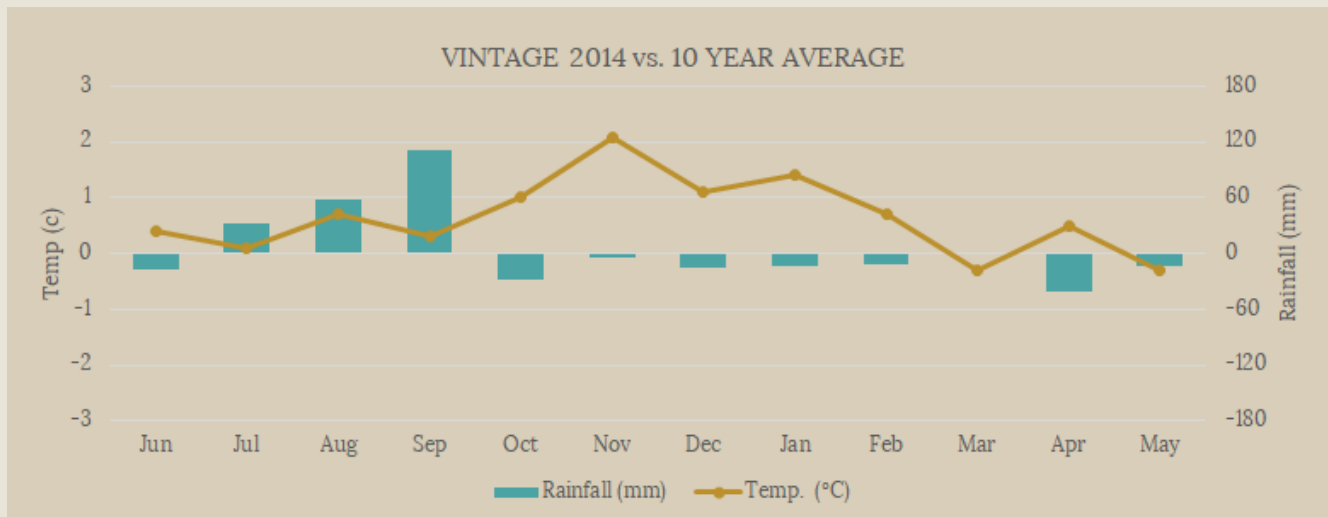


Growing Season

For Margaret River the terms “warm, sunny, mild with ocean breeze” typify what is normal and this is what we have experienced throughout with most in the industry agreeing that it appeared to be a repeat of the excellent growing season leading up to the 2014 vintage.

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Harvest Conditions

Milder weather conditions in late April early May delayed final ripening and harvest was about a week later than average. Even to the end of May, when vintage finished in the more southern areas, Marri blossom was still prevalent throughout; thus bird damage was minute. Accompanying this there has been little disease pressure because of the very strong growing conditions due to seasonal weather consistency. Crop levels are down due to some stormy weather at flowering.

The Wines

Chardonnay is displaying outstanding natural acidity with a flavour profile of citrus and stonefruit. Reds are showing vibrant fruit ripe intensity, great colour and balanced tannin profiles. Cabernet Sauvignon shows weight, concentration and texture. 2014 will be again be a very high quality vintage from Margaret River showcasing our hallmark strengths of elegance, finesse and great aging potential.

VINTAGE 2014 AT A GLANCE:

1,173 mm	27.9C max.	13.2C min.	n/a tonnes
ANNUAL RAINFALL JUNE - MAY	MEAN TEMP JANUARY	MEAN TEMP JANUARY	HARVEST