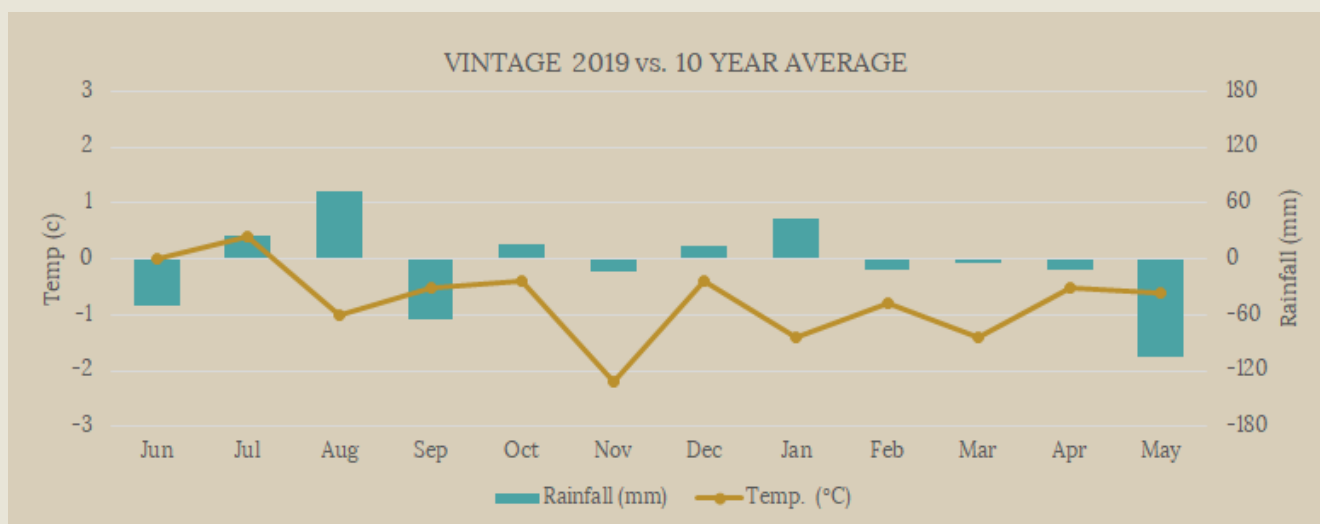


Growing Season

Similar to the 2017 vintage, 2019 commenced significantly later than the long-term norm and extended through to the end of April. Mild, cooler weather during late 2018 was beneficial for vine growth and an atypical heavy rain event in mid-January brought a recharge to soil water just when needed. This was followed by fine, mild weather to get the vintage underway until mid-vintage when minor rain events and high humidity mid-March presented some disease pressure challenges. Luckily this was followed by beautiful weather until the end of April which was particularly advantageous for reds and late-ripening varieties. In summary, 2019 was a comparatively late and long season, with lower yields than last year but with good vineyard management practices the region has overall achieved a high-quality harvest.

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Harvest Conditions

Harvest started two to three weeks later than normal due to cooler spring and summer weather conditions.

The complete absence of Marri blossom this season meant bird pressure was extreme and bird-netting vital.

The Wines

There are parallels with 2017 vintage. The cooler ripening conditions resulted in amazing flavour intensity and acid retention in the whites, particularly Chardonnay.

The beautiful weather until late-April allowed the reds to attain physiological maturity and tannins, with a wonderful sense of finesse.

VINTAGE 2019 AT A GLANCE:

1,026 mm

ANNUAL RAINFALL
JUNE - MAY

25.1C max.

MEAN TEMP
JANUARY

12.3C min.

MEAN TEMP
JANUARY

30k tonnes (estimated)

HARVEST