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2022 VINTAGE

Back to Generosity!



Lavaut-St-Jacques - Studio Morfaux – Gevrey-Chambertin

CLIMATOLOGY

Autumn-Winter 2021/2022 was close to the norms of the season.

With average temperatures of 6,3°C, the period of October to March fell within the average norms, even if negative temperatures were reached more often than during the preceding two winters. During this period, January remained the coldest month (-1°C on average). February was quite contrasting with excessive mild temperatures (+2°C en moyenne).

The mild climate of February continued through March, in addition to a clear rainfall deficit. The beginning of the month of April was fresh, even cold, with a large mass of air coming from the North that dropped the temperatures in all of Burgundy: **the wine growers had to battle against frost for 4 nights, between the 3rd and the 11th of April.** They feared the worst!

ANNUAL LANDMARKS

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FLOWERING :

**From the 20th to the 26th
of May,**

HARVEST :

**From the 1st to the 10th of
September,**

**END OF VINIFICATION :
14th of October.**



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CLIMATOLOGY - CONTINUED

Spring – Summer 2022

Thankfully, even if the damage in the early part of the year were deplorable, the situation was less severe than in 2021, notably thanks to the budburst, which occurred later than the previous years.

In addition, the temperatures immediately rose above normal for the season, which allowed the vines to rapidly restart and develop a second bud. Rain was still scarce during the beginning of Spring.

Frantic Growth pace

In mid-April, thanks to summer-like temperatures and a lasting dry spell, the vines rapidly developed. Topping and lifting were performed quickly, matching the frantic growth pace!

Only the Gevrey-Brochon-Fixin areas were graced by an important rain storm in the beginning of May with a significant accumulation of 31mm. Starting on the 19th of May, the flowering arrived two weeks earlier than the average! The exceptional temperatures in May allowed it to occur in excellent conditions, with very little run-out and millerandage! The appearance of the grapes foretold a generous and possibly early harvest!

The fruit-set also occurred about fifteen days early, with the weather remaining nice. The lack of water worried the growers because the drought was starting to have an effect!

Beneficial rain for the vines

Thankfully the region experienced successive rainstorms that drenched the vines from the 21st to the 25th of June: for 5 days!

Gevrey-Chambertin was violently hit on the 22nd of June by torrential rain bringing more than 100mm in 45 minutes! Gullies and important flooding occurred, but these storms brought precious water that was especially crucial during this season.



July-August were marked by a drought.

4 heat waves took effect between the 10th and 25th of July, of which the most intense occurred between the 15th and 19th, with an oppressive heat! August was also punctuated with several hot episodes, from the beginning of the month until the 4th, then from the 8th to the 13th, and finally the 24th, 25th, and 29th of August.

The consequences were limited: the vine is a plant that fares well when faced with a water shortage. However, the young vines and the plots planted in shallow soils or sandy soils suffered the most.

The maturity testing intensified. The sugar levels progressed well, even if during the first half of August, certain vines had less evolution. This was a sign of water related stress. This disparity was also evident during the harvest.

The winegrowers prepared for the harvest, still hoping for rain. It finally arrived in the middle of August, allowing the vines to reach maturity and produce juice.

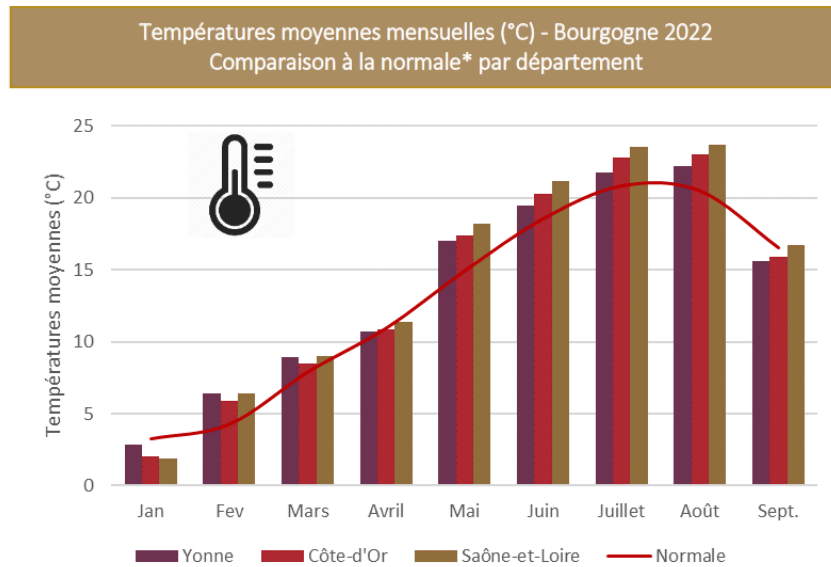
The summer of 2022 was classified as second place in the ranking of the hottest summers since 1947, just after 2003.

Finally, if the average temperatures in the month of September were close to normal, the month was divided in two with the first half being very warm and the second half being much cooler.

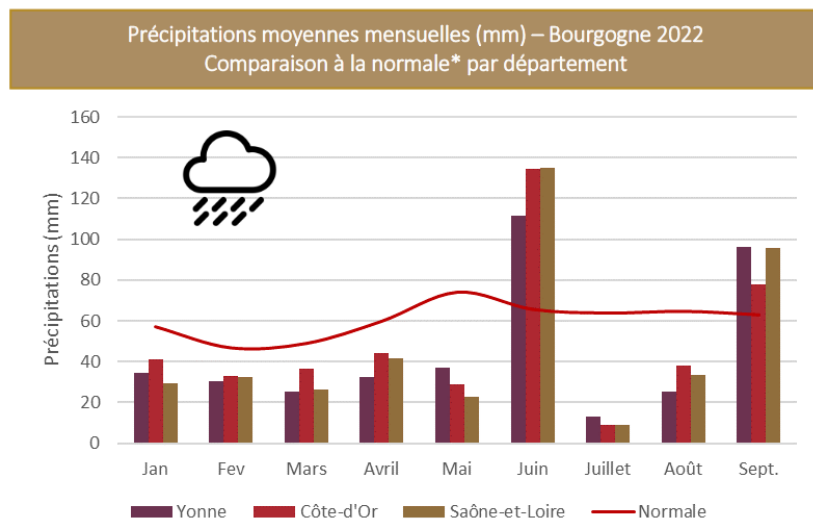


WEATHER REPORTS

CLIMATOLOGY : 2022 WAS A RECORD YEAR ...



Temperatures: A quick observation: starting in February, each month the average temperature was above average. This made **2022, the warmest year since the existence of weather reports.**



Precipitation : The pluviometric deficit accentuated throughout the months of January to May. The average deficit reached 42% at the end of May. On the contrary, the month of **June was very wet, as heavy rainfall brought an accumulation almost double than the average.** Nevertheless, during the period of January to September, the accumulation of precipitation remained 21.5% less than the average.

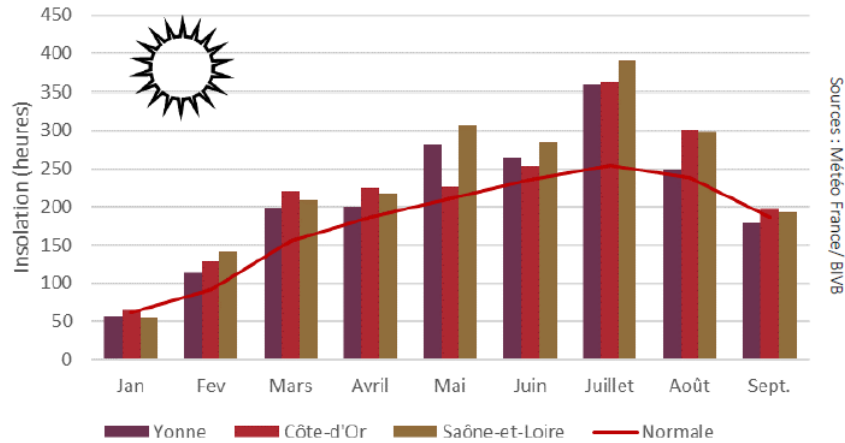
* Starting this year, the « norms of the season » changed. They are now calculated according to the period of 1991-2020 and not 1981-2010.



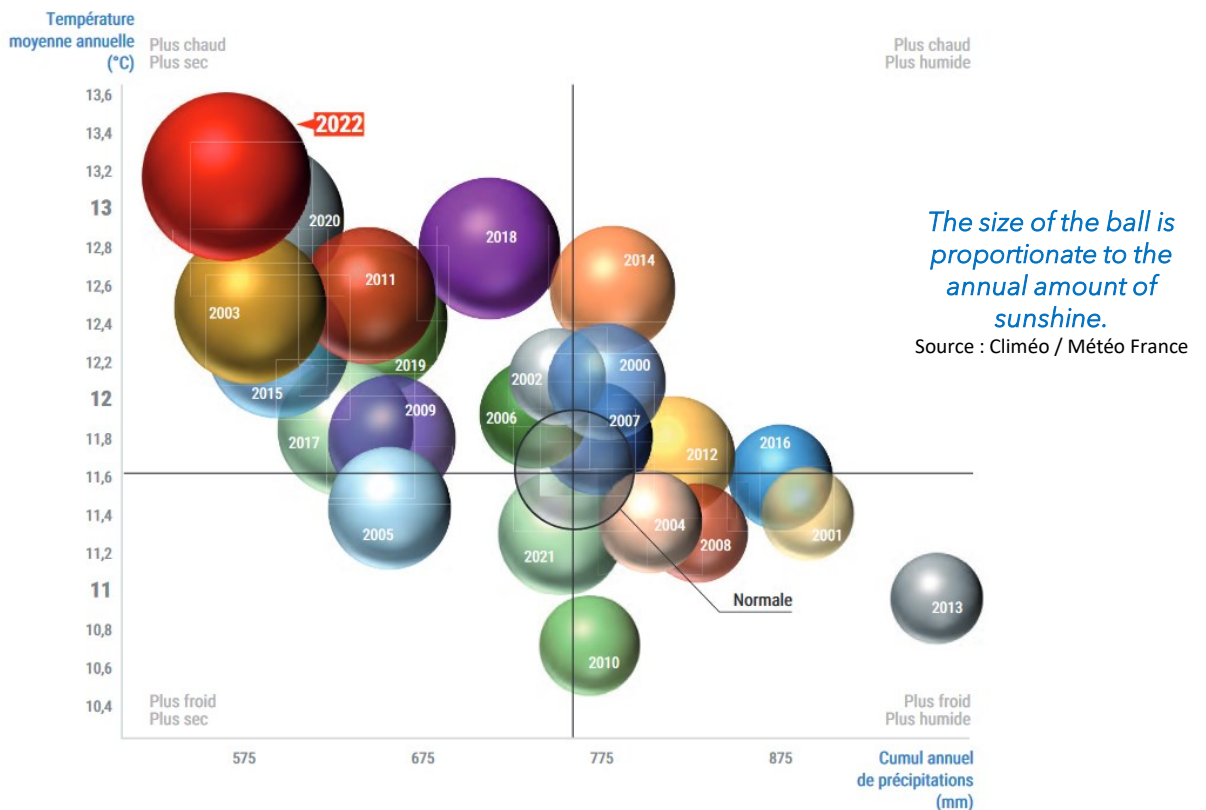
WEATHER REPORT

CLIMATOLOGY : 2022 WAS A RECORD YEAR (CONTINUED)

Insolation moyenne mensuelle (h) – Bourgogne 2022
Comparaison à la normale* par département



Sunshine : The duration of sunshine was above the norms throughout the entire year. This resulted in **275 hours of additional sunshine**, or the equivalent of an **additional month of July!**





2022 HARVEST

HARVESTS CASE BY CASE...

The shears in action...

In the end, this vintage was not the earliest. The harvests slowly began around the 16th-17th of August for a few Crémants de Bourgogne, then the Whites in the Côte de Beaune were brought in starting on the 20th of August.

The rest of Burgundy followed little by little.

The last grapes were harvested in the Côte de Nuits, the Hautes Côtes, and the Chablis during the third week of September.

An unusual phenomenon, favored by the diversity of the locations, nice weather, and unexpected volumes, the wine growers spread out the harvest over several weeks.

The maturity testings coupled with tastings of the berries and the juice were the only guides. The accumulation of sugars were acquired almost everywhere, thus it was the acidity levels that became the main indicator.

The harvest cases came out of the plots very full, for the whites and the reds, with perfect bunches that encouraged some to privilege a vinification with whole bunches.



To Summarize - 2022

2022 gave us what Burgundy knows how to do best : a vintage that was both top quality and generous!

After three beautiful years with volumes (nevertheless) impacted by the precariousness of the weather, this vintage was warmly welcomed : it will allow the market to relax and rebuild its stocks. If small disparities exist according to the variety, the vines have globally well resisted the extreme climatic conditions, knowing how to benefit from even the smallest rain shower.

Sources : Communiqué de Presse - BIVB / https://www.vins-bourgogne.fr/presse/gallery_files/site/289/1910/72715.pdf
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IN DIRECT...

2022 VINTAGE

Our words and feelings...

« Remarkable for its generosity and its beautiful homogeneity, the 2022 harvest was considered by the wine growers as a gorgeous gift of nature.

The week of harvesting was programmed for the 1st to the 10th of September.

At its arrival in the vatting room, the harvest was meticulously sorted, however with little waste, the plots to be worked with whole bunches were identified, then the vinification took place progressively,

Arrivée à la cuverie, la récolte est méticuleusement triée, cependant peu de déchet, les parcelles à travailler avec de la vendange entière sont identifiées, puis la vinification se déroule progressivement, rythmée par de gentilles et progressives extractions. Under the press, the alcoholic degrees vary between 12.5 and 13.5% Vol, accompanied by several ph slightly high, however the juice was silky, precise, vibrant and saline.

As of today, following 13 months of ageing, our 2022 – still in oak – still presents itself well with a nice definition, depth, silky and fleshy tannins topped with an aromatic balance of fresh black fruits, touches of citrus zests and fresh pepper.

During our visits, we will have the pleasure to introduce the continuity of the cuvée « En Combe » which will be called *Gevrey-Chambertin « Clos de Combes »* starting with the 2022 Vintage.

This name change was allowed, thanks to our research and the revision of a sales act written by Mr. Armand Corbabin and Monsieur Jean-Baptiste Rebourseau dating from the 2nd of June 1899 concerning the entirety of the plot, a surface area of 2 hectares 39 ares and 35 centiares. Acquired by Suzanne Laroze in the 70's. In order to eternalize the spirit of the 'Clos' in this plot, the surrounding wall will be repaired in the next few years.

A new cuvée : *Gevrey-Chambertin « Vignes Belles »*, gives us a charming cuvée of Gevrey-Chambertin, presenting a sublime roundness, intense notes of black fruits, a few menthy aromas, a fleshy, aromatic palette, and a fantastic elegant finish...

Geology : *Our plot of half an hectare was planted in 1979, of which half was renewed in 2013. This plot is located on the North side of the locality, with a soil principally composed of gravel and limestone from Comblanchien. This drained and deep soil allows a great root system, allowing the vine to give us a regular harvest with balanced grapes in terms of volume and juice.*

The harvests of the past few years were very satisfying, thus it was évident that we had to vinify separately, discovering its own characteristics and revealing the unique personality of this terroir! »

Caroline et Nicolas

