

KANONKOP

WINE ESTATE

Vintage Report - 2013

A slightly higher crop than 2012 produced good quality red wines in the Stellenbosch region. This vintage was characterised by challenges such as canopy and disease management, extreme heat stress and wind damage during berry set.

The winter was much colder and wetter than usual with a higher than average rainfall from June to September. The flowering and berry set period kicked off with a cold and wet October, with 170% higher than usual rainfall and lower temperatures. This accumulation of soil moisture and warmer weather during November led to acceleration in the shoot growth and dense canopies. Strong winds during November resulted in damage to shoots, leaves and bunches.

The warmest December was experienced in 48 years with 23 days above 30oC.

January and February were wetter than usual and more variation between day and night temperatures had a positive effect on the grape quality during the ripening period from January to March. In early January the vineyards looked quite dry, and it looked like the harvest would start about two weeks later than usual. The vineyards also showed very little symptoms of leafroll virus.

From the 9th to the 11th of February 50mm of rain fell. This was good for the development of the later ripening varieties

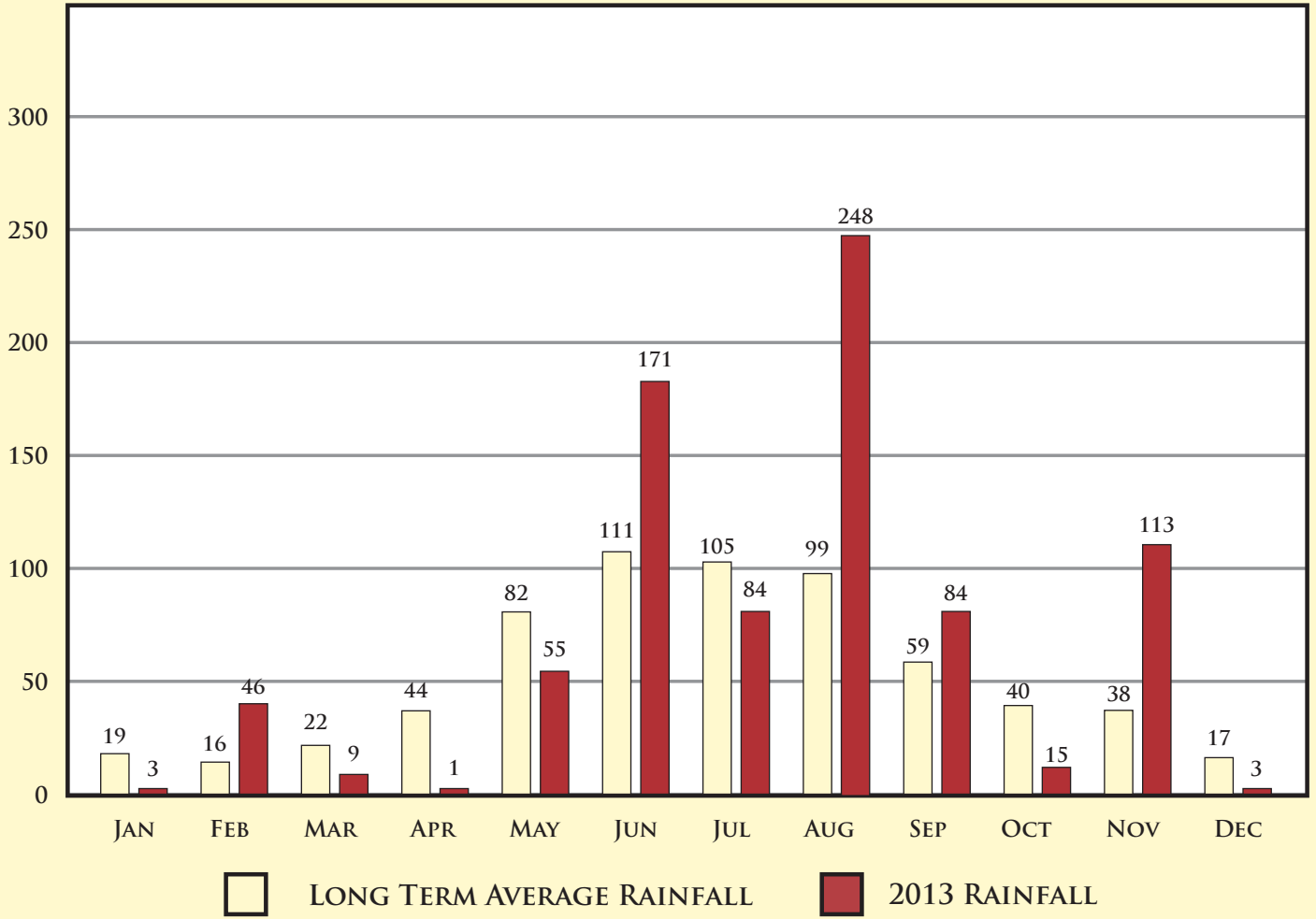
Early cultivars such as Pinotage had high sugars, while the skins were sticky and coarse, which meant we had to wait a bit longer for the grapes to reach optimal ripeness with good flavours before harvesting them. The riper grapes showed less green herbaceous characters, and three different types of yeast on block B307 to determine the best expression in the wine.

The water supply levels were sufficient throughout the season and all irrigation needs were easily fulfilled. Red varieties showed beautiful colour extraction, and the Cabernet Sauvignon produced smaller berries with exceptional flavour components.

**KANONKOP VINTAGE RATING:
4 STARS**



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 RAINFALL (MM): 2013 VS LONG TERM AVERAGE



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 AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°C): 2013 MIN & MAX

