



KANONKOP

WINE ESTATE

Vintage Report - 2016

This vintage was characterised by a very warm, dry season which led to a considerably smaller harvest compared to 2015. Raging fires around the Simonsberg was also a big concern, but luckily Kanonkop did not experience any fire damage.

Although the cold weather only arrived between June and the end of July, enough cold units were built up to break dormancy came spring. The winter was very dry, with below-average rainfall and resulting low levels of soil moisture, irrigation and dam levels.

Budburst took place on time, and warmer weather than usual in October and November accelerated flowering and berry set. This was a very dry period, which placed a lot of strain on the vines and resulted in a reduction of the number of berries per bunch.

Irrigation started earlier than usual, and a little bit of rain during December brought some relief to the very dry conditions. Veraison took place unusually early and fast.

A very warm and windy January placed some pressure on irrigation infrastructure, but the wind damage was minimal. The drier conditions during the active cell division and cell enlargement phases led to a smaller berry size. The up-side of the drier conditions was that fungal control was simplified, and minimal disease occurred.

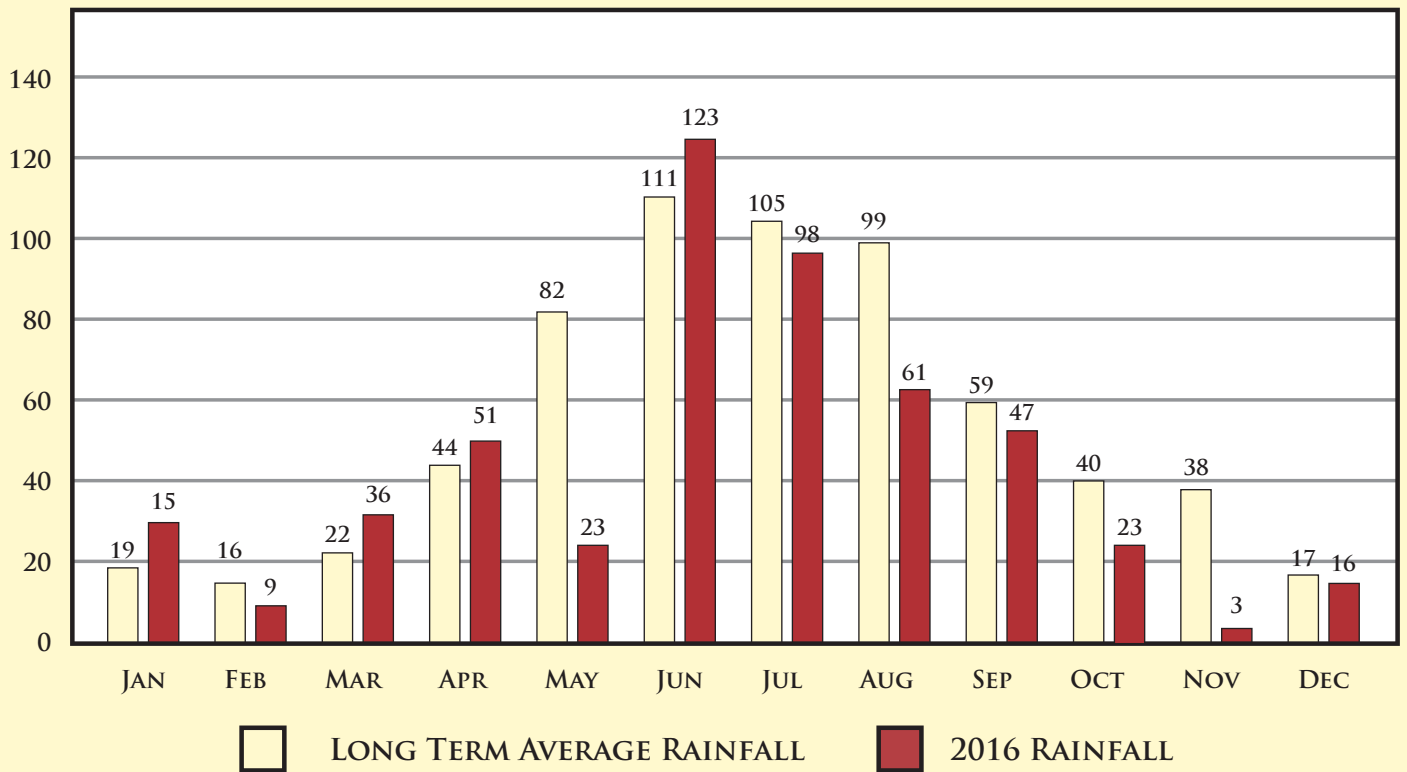
The devastating fires against the slopes of the Simonsberg mountain in January caused major damage to the vineyards of some of our neighbours, but Kanonkop was not affected.

Smaller berries resulted in good colour and flavour development in the bunches, which is the basis for making good wine. The warm temperatures made the management of pH and acid levels especially challenging. The desired sugar levels was easily achieved and the juice recovery on all varieties was satisfying.

KANONKOP VINTAGE RATING:
3 STARS



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 RAINFALL (MM): 2016 VS LONG TERM AVERAGE



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 AVERAGE TEMPERATURE (°C): 2016 MIN & MAX

