

2022
Vintage



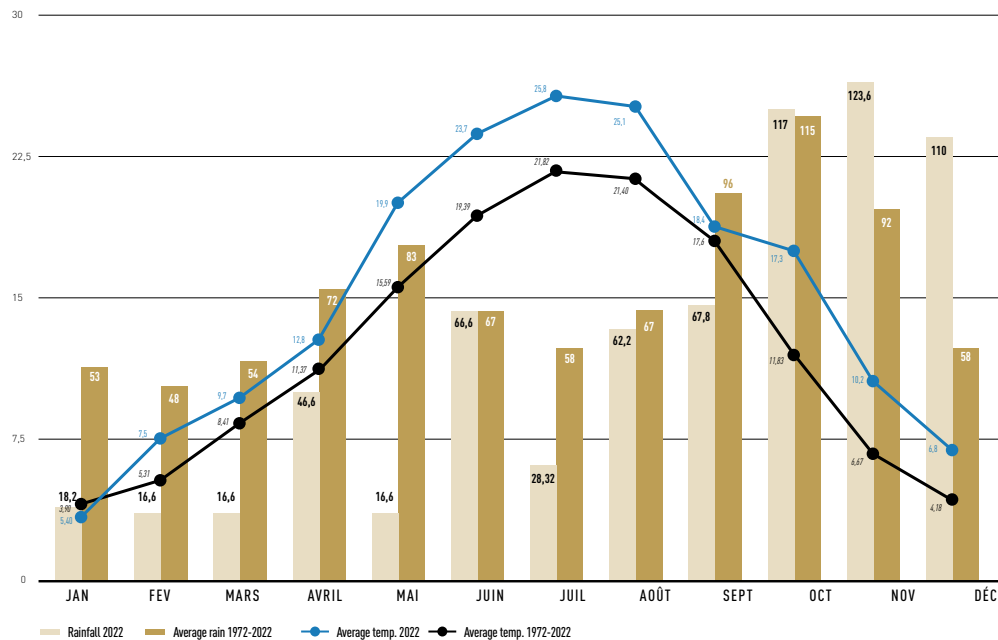
DOMAINES
PAUL JABOULET AÎNÉ
MAISON FONDÉE EN 1834



2022 VINTAGE

This year, the vines proved resilient to the successive heat waves and lack of rainfall, as demonstrated by the perfect sanitary condition of the vineyards. Our winegrowers have been patient and vigilant. 2022 will be remembered as a year of particularly harsh weather conditions for Rhône Valley wines, with exceptional drought and heat.

A well-balanced vintage, full of pleasant surprises, which can be compared with 2020, marked by a historically early start to the harvest.



A MAJOR WATER DEFICIT

After a very rainy October 2021, the following months all recorded significant rainfall deficits (from -53% to -97%), with the exception of June when rainfall was over 20%. Rainfall for the autumn and winter of 2021-2022 is 25% below the 2010-2020 averages. At 30 June, the balance for the year since January remains very negative, with a deficit of almost 50%.



Average temperatures in the autumn and winter of 2021-2022 were generally within the normal range for the season, with a few marked frosts which helped the soil to recover. From January to mid-April, there were slightly more marked oscillations above and below average.

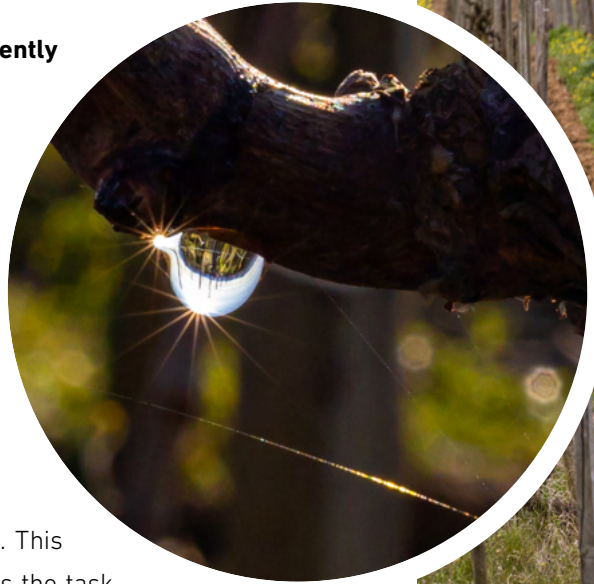


HORSETAIL DECOCTION TO PREVENT DISEASE

From mid-April, temperatures remained consistently above normal, with 3 successive periods of unseasonably high peaks.

As every year, we spread our horsetail decoction over all our vineyards. Horsetail is a plant that helps prevent fungal diseases such as mildew. Rich in various minerals and an excellent bio-stimulant, it contains a lot of silica, an element that improves plant resistance to disease.

We also work the soil with a winch and by horse. This year, the soil is particularly dry, which complicates the task of our winegrowers.





SPRING UNDER A HEAT WAVE

Budburst was rather late, then vegetative development accelerated considerably. Flowering took place very rapidly from 15 May to 31 May, in very high temperatures, with daily maximums regularly in excess of 30 degrees.

May was one of the hottest months of the year since the beginning of the 20th century.

The hot weather accelerated vine growth throughout the Rhône Valley. As of 20 May, flowering was eight to ten days earlier than in 2021, which was a relatively normal year, with the very start of flowering in the Drôme-Ardèche region, where it usually starts at the end of May.



EYE GRAFTING OR T-BUD

At the beginning of June, we carry out T-bud grafting at Varogne on the Hermitage.



This method is used around the time of flowering, as soon as the bark of the vine takes off, which corresponds to an intense rise in sap. We take a bud from a vine shoot that has been harvested in March from our own massal selection and then kept in cold storage. Using a grafting knife, we make a T-shaped incision in the trunk. Then, we delicately spread this incision to insert the graft by covering it with the

two flaps of bark, then pressing with the base of the grafting knife. Finally, we must immediately place the ligature by covering the incision well. It is also necessary to give a small blow of saw under the graft in order to drain the sap and to avoid the engorgement of the graft.

We keep a branch upstream, known as a «sap-puller», which feeds the bud.

WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR RAIN...



The lack of rain throughout the valley is very alarming, as it could end up blocking the development of the vines. The lack of water is real in all sectors, as almost nothing has fallen since January. In the northern part of the region, the rainfall curves are well below normal for the last twenty years.

In the second half of June, some rain enabled the vineyards to resume their vegetative cycle. Most plots had reached bunch closure by 30 June. The drought affecting the Rhône Valley appellations and the high temperatures meant that ripening was around twenty days earlier than last year.

AN EXCELLENT STATE OF HEALTH

The summer began with a stormy spell in June, giving the vines a little time to recover. Between 1 July and 13 August, there were successive periods of very hot weather, with no rainfall, on soils that were already short of water.

As far as fungal diseases were concerned, the vineyards were healthy overall. The season's weather conditions were not conducive to the development of mildew, which was virtually non-existent. For the moment, powdery mildew is fairly discreet. The presence of Black Rot spots on leaves is also low, and this disease has not caused any particular problems this year.

We decided to lighten the load of grapes by thinning out from July onwards. This enabled the vines to cope better with the drought.

In mid-August, more or less intense rain had a beneficial effect, allowing the vineyards to recharge their batteries and the grapes to continue their very promising ripening curve. In both the south and the north, the state of health of the vineyards is considered to be excellent, with no disease in the vines. Although the rain has slightly increased the size of the berries, the average weight is still below normal.



This promises to be a rich vintage, with concentration and beautiful colours



An exceptional year in terms of drought and heat, ending with a harvest that alternated between good weather and beneficial rainfall without causing any health problems.

A fine vintage in prospect, one of the 3 earliest-ripening vintages of the last 20 years (along with 2020 and 2011).

HISTORICALLY EARLY HARVEST

This year, the heat and lack of rain accelerated the start of this historically early harvest.

We began harvesting on 16 August with a few Roussannes. After a particularly dry year, the few rains before and during the harvest were beneficial for the ripening of our grapes.



On 26 August, it was the turn of our Syrahs to enter the winery. We harvested our Cornas village plot before continuing with our Hermitage and, more specifically, our Maison Bleue. The harvest ends on 15 September with our Domaine de Roure in Crozes-Hermitage.



2022 HARVEST DATES PER APPELLATION

AUGUST

16	CROZES-HERMITAGE WHITE	
17		
18		
19	SAINT-PÉRAY	CROZES-HERMITAGE WHITE
20		
21		
22	SAINT-PÉRAY	CROZES-HERMITAGE WHITE
23		
24	SAINT-JOSEPH WHITE	CROZES-HERMITAGE WHITE
25	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	
26	CROZES-HERMITAGE WHITE	
27		
28		
29	HERMITAGE RED	CONDRIEU
30	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	HERMITAGE RED CONDRIEU
31	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	HERMITAGE RED

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SEPTEMBER

01	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED		SAINTJOSEPH RED
02	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	HERMITAGE RED	SAINTJOSEPH RED
03	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED		
04			
05	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	HERMITAGE RED	
06	CÔTE-RÔTIE		
07	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	SAINT-JOSEPH WHITE	CÔTE-RÔTIE HERMITAGE RED
08	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	CÔTE-RÔTIE	HERMITAGE RED
09	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED		HERMITAGE RED
10	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	SAINTJOSEPH RED	HERMITAGE RED
11			
12	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	HERMITAGE RED	PETITE ARVINE
13	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED	HERMITAGE RED	CORNAS
14	CROZES-HERMITAGE RED		CORNAS

PHENOLOGICAL STAGE

Budding ___ 10 April
Blooming ___ 20 May

Veraison ___ 20 July
Harvest ___ 16 August