



Château Sociando-Mallet

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2014

Winter

The year 2014 began with heavy rainfall and very mild temperatures. The 2014 winter was the second warmest since 1900.

Spring

The warm temperatures continued through the spring, but rain was rare.

The flowering occurred early, around the 10th June, in good conditions thanks to the nice weather.

Only one incident of rainfall disturbed the blossoming of the old Merlot, causing some flower shatter on these vines.

Summer

Despite a hotter and sunnier month of June, the area saw a particularly dull summer with an exceptionally rainy July and very cool August temperatures.

During the colour change, we observed that the heavy summer rain had increased the weight of our Merlot grapes.

The growth cycle was a few days behind average dates.

September / October

During this autumn, the temperatures remained very high (superior to averages by 3 to 4°C) with very little rain.

We began the harvest on 23rd September and finished on 11th October. The crop was perfectly healthy.

The characteristics of this vintage are:

Intensity of the fruit, finesse of the tannins, the Cabernet Sauvignon have a high concentration of polyphenols because of a low percentage of juice and the thick skins. The homogeneity of the seasons brought an acidity that confers a very nice freshness to the wine.