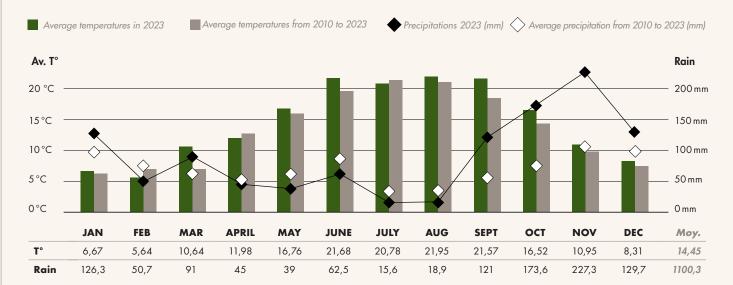
# Chateau La Lagune

3º GRAND CRU



## THE WEATHER CONDITIONS OF THE VINTAGE 2023



#### The year 2023 was marked by some weather instability.

Precipitation during the fall of 2022 and winter of 2023 was slightly below average. However, March showers arrived to moisten the soils. The average temperatures of spring 2023 were higher than the seasonal average. Combined with deficient but stormy and regular rains in April and May, they created a tropical atmosphere during the day. These conditions were conducive to high pressure from cryptogamic diseases, which persisted until veraison.

#### The summer was contrasting with very hot months in June and August and a rather cool July.

A temperature peak in mid-August accelerated grape ripening. However, the grapes were able to benefit from significant rainfall on September 12th to regain volume. Good temperature variations in September helped to perfect grape maturity.

## PHENOLOGY 2023

#### THE FIRST BUDS

burst from March 29th across all plots.

#### **FLOWERING**

occurred from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup> in a fairly uniform manner thanks to favorable weather conditions.

#### **VERAISON**

took place from July 13<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. Harvesting began on September 8<sup>th</sup> with the Merlots from the La Lagune plateau. The Cabernets were at optimal ripeness to be harvested from September 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **HARVESTING**

was completed on September 29th.

### GENTLE VINIFICATION

AFTER THREE CONSECUTIVE MANUAL SORTING SESSIONS, CARRIED OUT BY OUR TEAMS AND SUPPORTED BY OPTICAL SORTING, THE FINEST BERRIES ARE SELECTED TO BE GENTLY PLACED IN VATS VIA SEMI-GRAVITY. THE EXTRACTION PROCESS IS GUIDED BY DAILY TASTINGS.

The aim is to reveal only the purest and highest quality tannins from our grapes, thereby showcasing the finesse and elegance of our terroirs. Château La Lagune will result from the blending of our finest vats from our best plots.

#### BLENDING

65% Cabernet Sauvignon, 35% Merlot



