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2023 Harvest Report Colchagua Valley

This was an early vintage with premature ripening in most varieties, excellent phenolic balance, fruit expression and concentration.



This season began with 422mm of rain, 9.1% lower than the historic average. However, it was sufficient to bring to capacity the soil humidity levels across the property, thereby ensuring an excellent supply for the start of the season.

With 1,711 degree days — 4.8% higher than the historic average — the 2023 vintage is regarded as slightly warmer than normal. However, there were significant variations between the different months.

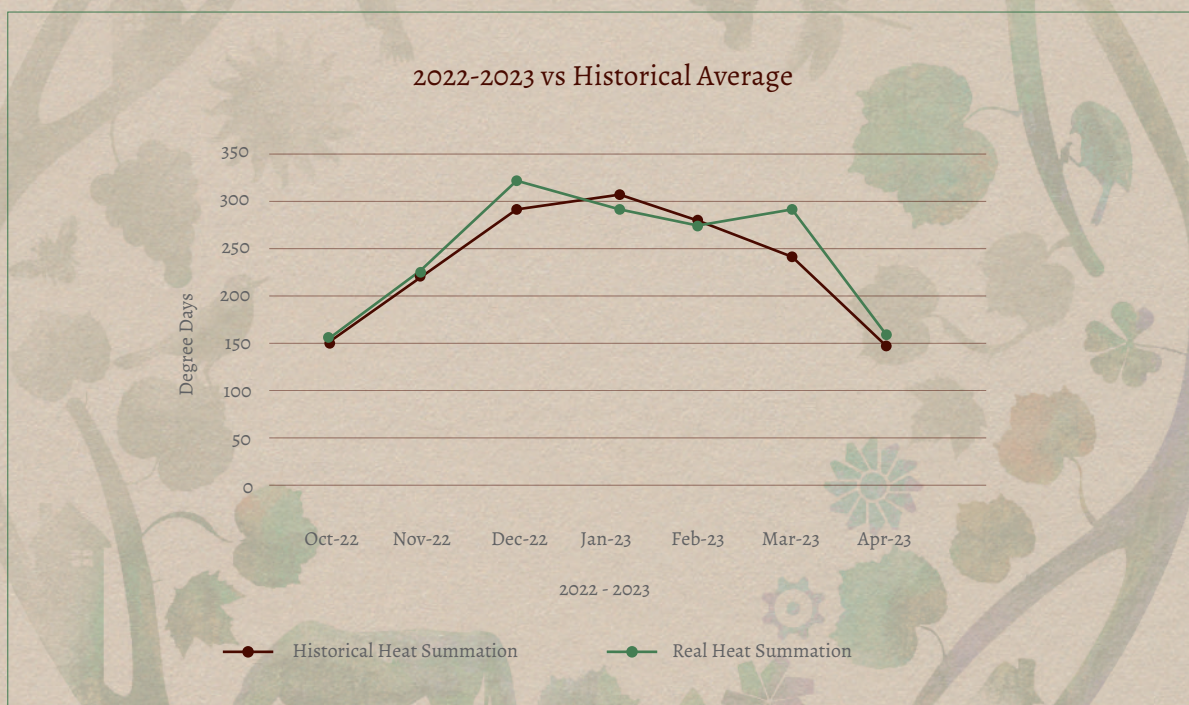
Budburst came at around the usual time and was normal and even, except for some varieties (Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot) in which it was more irregular. Spring frost in late September affected the lower-lying part of the estate where there are vineyards of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Carmenere. Meanwhile, flowering was relatively brief at 1-2 weeks, leading to good fruitset and fruiting. Veraison was rather slow due to January being slightly cooler.

The wildfire of 11 December undoubtedly affected the landscape and scenic beauty of the property and caused significant damage to our native woodland. However, the impact on our vineyards and wines was moderate, as it occurred at an early stage of phenolic development. The mettle and courage of our team allowed us to bring forward a vintage we will never forget.

In summary, the rainfall this season allowed positive vegetative growth and good expression, thus permitting optimal growth and good ripening. In March, the temperature rose, hastening the ripening of the shorter-cycle varieties planted in thinner soils and with greater solar exposure. Subsequently there was a deceleration in ripening across most of the property, with the harvest occurring slightly earlier than usual.

The harvest ended in late April with the Carmenere variety.

Colchagua Valley 2022 - 2023 Growing Season								
	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	Total
Historical Heat Summation (DD)	148.4	228.4	291.8	301.9	267.9	241.8	146.0	1,633
Growing Season Heat Summation (DD)	153.0	232.0	319.0	295.0	270.0	285.0	157.0	1,711
% Change	3.11%	1.58%	9.31%	-4.19%	0.77%	17.86%	7.27%	4.80%



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