

2018

Vintage Report



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Somewhat different from the previous vintage, the 2018 season blessed us with ideal climatic conditions that favored an increase in the yields of our vineyards. Temperatures ranged among the historic parameters, concluding the season of moderate temperatures, allowing a very balanced ripeness and a beautiful, even harvest, along with perfect sanitary conditions in our grapes and generous in complex avors.

The season began with abundant water reserves in our vineyard's soils equivalent to 29,4% higher than the historic records, as the May – October period registered 586 mm of rains, while average records for that period is 453 mm. Along with replenished soils, spring kicked off with slightly lower temperatures than the historic ranges and some light rains in October. Nevertheless, bud break occurred in mid-October just as expected, and evenly all across our vineyard. Heat summation until December, on the other hand, was similar than historic ranges, anticipating than the season would not deliver major surprises.

Some cloudy days and a summer with no surprises, along with the aforementioned water reserves in the soil prole, allowed a very good fruit set, followed by an outstanding veraison period, which occurred among the historic dates and in a quite short period of just 10 days. By the beginning of February, bunches already exhibited 70% of the veraison.

While January and February developed according to the historic records, March and April were slightly colder than usual, providing the ideal conditions for the grapes to ripen in a normal, gentle pace. The perfect sanitary conditions that prevailed all along the season enabled an ideal ripeness in all the varieties planted in our vineyard.

With no rains on the horizon, harvest developed during the historical dates, delivering superb quality fruit and an overall production of 7% above the expected.

In all, we witnessed an outstanding season in every sense of the way, proving the importance of climatic events from the preceding spring of 2017 and its pronounced inuence in the performance of our Caliterra vineyard.

CALITERRA	OCT-17	NOV-17	DIC-17	ENE-18	FEB-18	MAR-18	ABR-18	TOTAL
Historic Heat Sumation (DD)	151	232	284	317	265	255	165	1.670
Growing Season Heat Sumation (DD)	103	246	307	310	271	243	143	1.623
% var	-47,0%	5,6%	7,4%	-2,3%	2,4%	-4,9%	-15,0%	-2,8%
Historical Rainfall (mm)	31,4	13,5	0,5	1,7	1,32	3,66	40,74	92,82
Growing Season Rainfall (mm)	42	14	1,2	0,8	0	12,4	7,4	77,8

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Caliterra's Heat Summation 2017/2018 v/s Historic

