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THE STORY OF A VINTAGE

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2025, a precious and delicate vintage

And yes, another very hot summer! The 2025 vintage will be remembered for the earliest harvest date ever recorded in the appellation. Harvesting began as early as September 5th and finished at a time when, not so long ago, we would only just have been starting.

The few showers at the end of August were not enough to rehydrate our sun-soaked grapes. As a result, yields are particularly low: 28 hl/ha, the smallest volume ever harvested outside of a frost event in the appellation. And yet, what a harvest! The grapes are perfectly ripe, with a deep, almost inky colour. The tannic structure is beautiful—silky and elegant—supported by expressive red-fruit aromas. The Cabernets show remarkable delicacy and richness, with wonderful balance and preserved freshness.

The 2025 vintage thus joins the line of recent outstanding vintages, alongside 2019, 2020 and 2022. In this brochure, while revisiting the 2022 vintage, we also highlight the many successes achieved in 2025 by the properties of the appellation with that vintage. Margaux once again achieved a remarkable collective recognition on the international stage. We thank you for your continued loyalty to our appellation and invite you to enjoy this superb 2025 vintage.

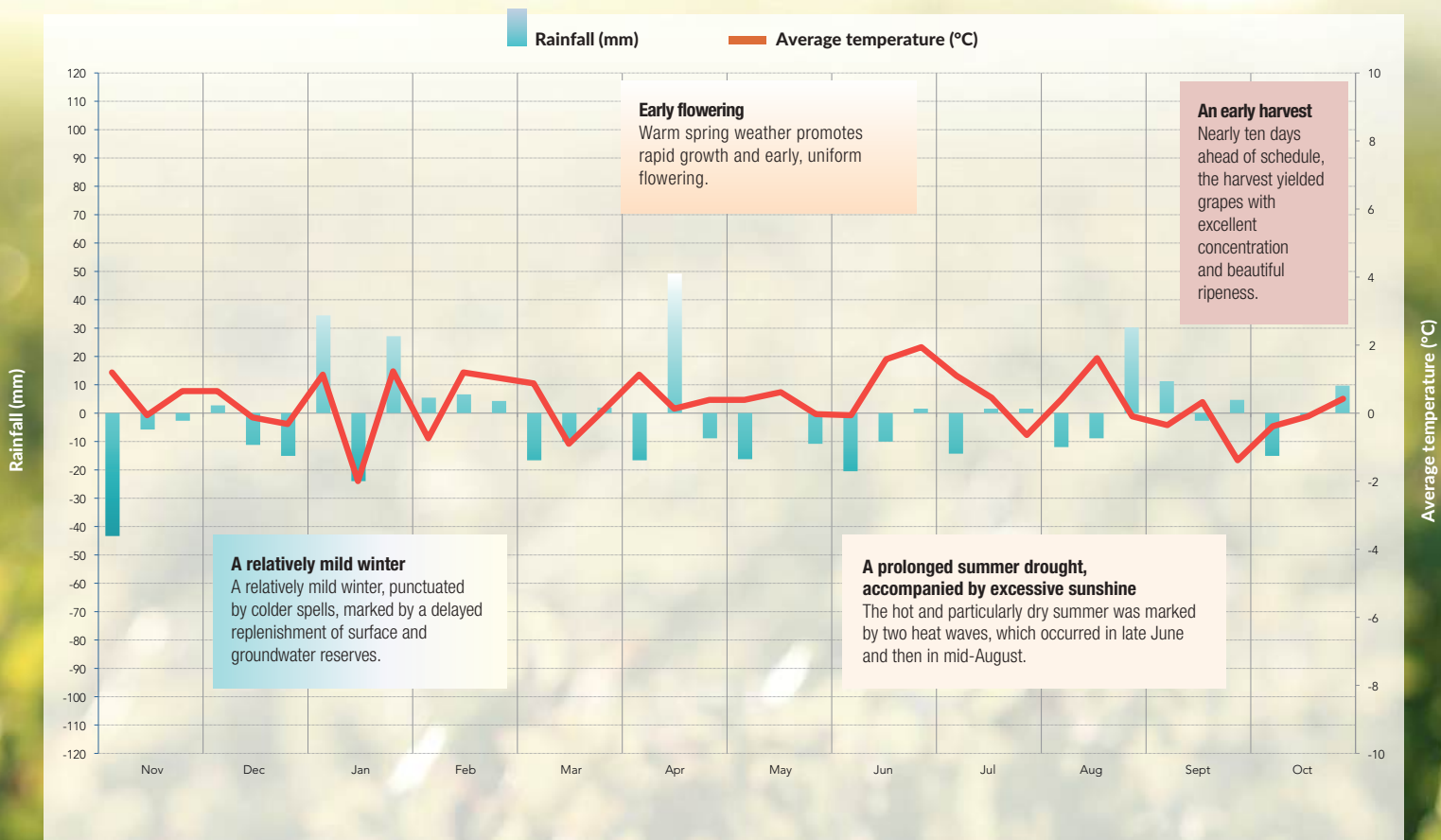
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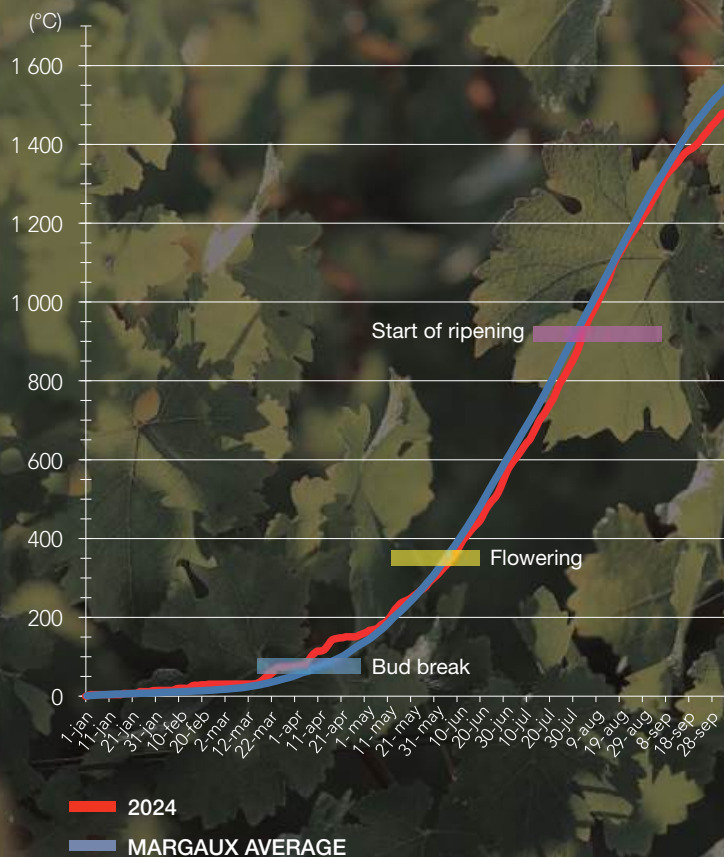
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A decorative logo featuring a central crest with a crown, flanked by a bunch of grapes on the left and a bottle on the right.

2025 - Deviations from the average - Margaux Weather Station



Sum of Average Daily Temperatures above 10°C



2025 Vintage

The 2025 growing season was marked by hot conditions and a significant rainfall deficit. Berries remained very small across all varieties, including Merlot, resulting in very low yields, often below 30 hl/ha.

Given these conditions, one might have expected a vintage similar to 2022. However, this was not the case. The vintage is distinguished by rainfall that arrived in late August and early September.

At that point, the weather pattern shifted to a more oceanic influence, typical of the Bordeaux region. The soils were so dry that they allowed us to harvest calmly, while the grapes continued to progress steadily towards full ripeness.

In fact, 2025 is a very early vintage and will also be remembered as a year in which both vineyard management and winemaking proceeded extremely smoothly: no significant fungal disease pressure, vines that adapted well to the hot and dry conditions, and moderate alcohol levels. The wines are concentrated, with soft, savoury tannins that are supple and remarkably persistent on the palate. The balance of acidity is well preserved. The wines display impressive elegance and harmony, without any excessive solar character.



Éric Boissenot

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Winegrowers' comments



Another Great Vintage Ending in “5”

The 2025 vintage continues the line of recent years shaped by hot and dry conditions. The water deficit was significant (–163 mm of rainfall over the year), with water stress appearing early from June onwards. The summer drought persisted throughout the season and sunshine levels were markedly above average.

These conditions resulted in limited berry growth, partly explaining the low yields at harvest. Another contributing factor was the reduced number of berries per cluster, due to poor floral initiation in 2024. Rainfall in September proved beneficial, ensuring the vines were properly hydrated without diluting the grapes.

The great precocity of the vintage, combined with excellent weather conditions during harvest, allowed us to pick grapes of remarkable quality. The wines produced are deeply coloured, fruity, balanced, structured and dense. They display a rich, powerful and long profile on the palate while retaining great freshness and low pH levels despite the effects of the hot and dry climate. With brilliance and strength, 2025 joins the distinguished lineage of great Bordeaux vintages ending in “5”.

Christophe CAPDEVILLE

Operations Director, Château BRANE-CANTENAC

What a contrast with 2024!

This year, nature provided all the conditions for a truly great vintage, albeit in exceptionally limited quantities. From spring onwards, we already knew that yields would be low – vine fertility inherited from 2024 was already reduced. The season then unfolded under remarkable conditions: a dry spring spared us significant disease pressure, flowering was perfect though brief, followed by a warm summer beautifully regulated by the gravel soils of Margaux. The late-August rains arrived at just the right moment.

The result: small clusters, small berries and exceptional natural concentration. Harvest was early and swift, with superbly healthy grapes, though yields were historically low. Together with Sébastien Esquerre, Technical Director, and Solana Rey-Siceles, Cellar Master, we worked on each lot with particular care, fully aware of the rarity of this vintage.

In the cellar today, the wines reveal remarkable energy: rich yet fresh, structured yet generous. This natural density without heaviness is exactly what we seek at Marquis de Terme. 2025 promises to be a very great vintage for Margaux — rare in volume, exceptional in quality. The kind of vintage that truly excites us.

Paloma SÉNÉCLAUZE

Managing Director, Château MARQUIS DE TERME



True to its terroir

The drought and heat of 2025 raised questions for me for a time, yet I saw my soils and vines preserve their natural balance. Cabernet Sauvignon reached full ripeness without excess, within controlled yields.

For me, this vintage expresses a shared confidence with the terroir: precise, refined, deeply Margaux in character — and unmistakably Petit Serin.

Yohan JUSTE

Winegrower and Owner, Château Petit Serin



Recognition

of the 2022 Vintage in Margaux

Born of an exceptional climatic year, marked by extreme heat and drought conditions, the 2022 vintage already stands out as a major reference in the recent history of the Margaux appellation. Forged by the rigor and precision of the winemakers' work, it reveals wines of exceptional mastery, where the natural concentration of the grapes is balanced by preserved freshness.

This vintage is distinguished by remarkable aromatic purity, silky textures and notable depth. It accurately embodies the timeless signature of Margaux wines: elegance, finesse and complexity. Behind this harmony lies the full extent of human expertise, combined with the singularity of the appellation's gravelly terroirs, which allow the wines to retain balance and tension even in the warmest vintages.

Today, this excellence is widely praised by the international press, confirming Margaux's place among the world's greatest appellations.

Three estates from the appellation thus rank among the highest global distinctions:

Château d'Issan, *Wine of the Year* by James Suckling ;
Château Brane-Cantenac, 3^e *Wine of the Year* by Vinous ;
et **Château Giscours**, *Wine of the Year* by Wine Spectator.

These prestigious awards reflect the consistency and level of excellence achieved by Margaux wines in this vintage.

Another notable recognition, **Château Labégorce** joins Wine Spectator's *Top 10 Values 2025* selection, perfectly illustrating the balance between quality and accessibility that characterises the appellation's wines. This distinction also highlights Margaux's ability to offer outstanding wines across different price ranges, while maintaining a strong identity.

The 2022 vintage thus confirms the singularity, consistency and international influence of Margaux wines. Great wines for ageing, they are rooted in the long term, shaped by their terroir and precision of execution. A promise of evolution and complexity, they will continue, over the years, to reveal the full nobility and depth that define the reputation of the appellation.



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