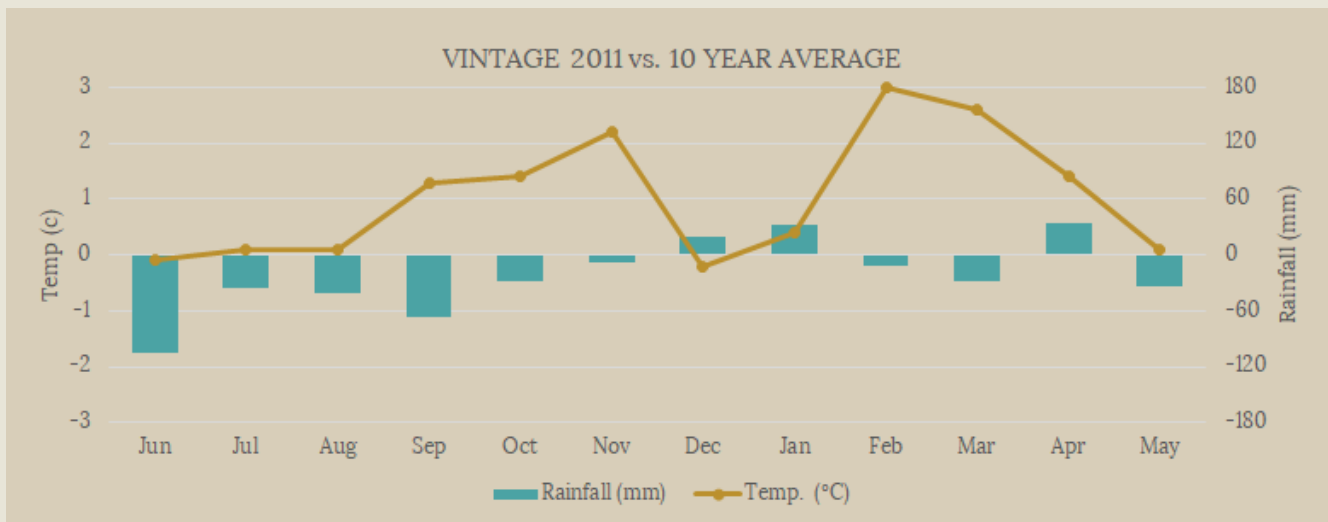


Growing Season

The 2011 vintage was initially cool and dry through late winter and early spring, progressing to rainfall in mid-November and minor rain events in early December then a warm and dry summer. Overall this vintage was warmer and drier than average with vine phenology measurements throughout the growing season indicated that average budburst dates occurred but flowering and veraison dates were progressively earlier for most varieties throughout the region.

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Harvest Conditions

Total disease and bird pressure was low because of significant Marri blossom and no rainfall. Harvest got under way significantly earlier than average and yields were noticeably up.

The Wines

Chardonnay exhibits sound varietal and regional typicity and should be a stand out in 2011. Reds, particularly Cabernet Sauvignon has been particularly impressive and shown intense colour, with concentrated flavours and aromas. The Margaret River 2011 vintage was very similar to 2007 as an extremely strong year for both reds and whites, with consistent seasonal conditions again the region's strength.



VINTAGE 2011 AT A GLANCE:

844 mm	26.9C max.	14.7C min.	n/a tonnes
ANNUAL RAINFALL JUNE - MAY	MEAN TEMP JANUARY	MEAN TEMP JANUARY	HARVEST