

MENDOZA HARVEST RECAP



WHAT IS A 'NORMAL' VINTAGE & CLIMATE?

MENDOZA

VINTAGE WEATHER

Dry, sunny, warm days / cold nights

CLIMATE

Semi-arid desert



EL NIÑO / LA NIÑA in South America

El Niño / La Niña are opposite phases of temperature cycles (warming & cooling) in the east-central Equatorial Pacific Ocean.

El Niño = warmer ocean = cooler, rainy weather

La Niña = cooler ocean = warmer, dry weather

El Niño / La Niña cycles last from 9-12 months & occur every 2-7 years.

2021 COOLER & LATER

- Summer rain, dry and cooler autumn
- Late flowering caused lower yields (about 10%)
- Cooler than 2020 with balanced quality like 2019

2020 WARM, FAST & EARLY

- One of the earliest and warmest vintages on record
- Fast/early harvest allowed picking to finish before COVID restrictions

2019 BALANCED

- Cool winter and spring, warmer summer
- Wine surplus due to high yields in 2018
- Good quality across regions & varieties

2018 EXCELLENT, BEST IN YEARS

- Average to high yield
- Excellent quality
- Balanced maturation: great balance of acidity, concentration, alcohol in wines

2017 'NORMAL' WITH LOW YIELD

- Spring frosts = lower yields = high grape prices
- Healthy vines & grapes had good concentration
- Small but promising

2016 CHALLENGING, COOL, WET (El Niño)

- Delayed budding = lower yields
- Soils with good drainage fared well
- Fresher wines, low alcohol



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• www.vineconnections.com



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