

## OLYMPIC VINTAGE WITH EXTREME WEATHER!



HARVEST - SEPTEMBER 2021

### A MILD AND SUNNY WINTER

Summary of the first trimester 2021:

- average temperature: slightly higher than normal (+0.4°C)
- rainfall: +18 mm compare to the average
- Sunlight: +56 heures compare to the average

This led to an early budding beginning of April, in line with the 2019 & 2020 vintage.

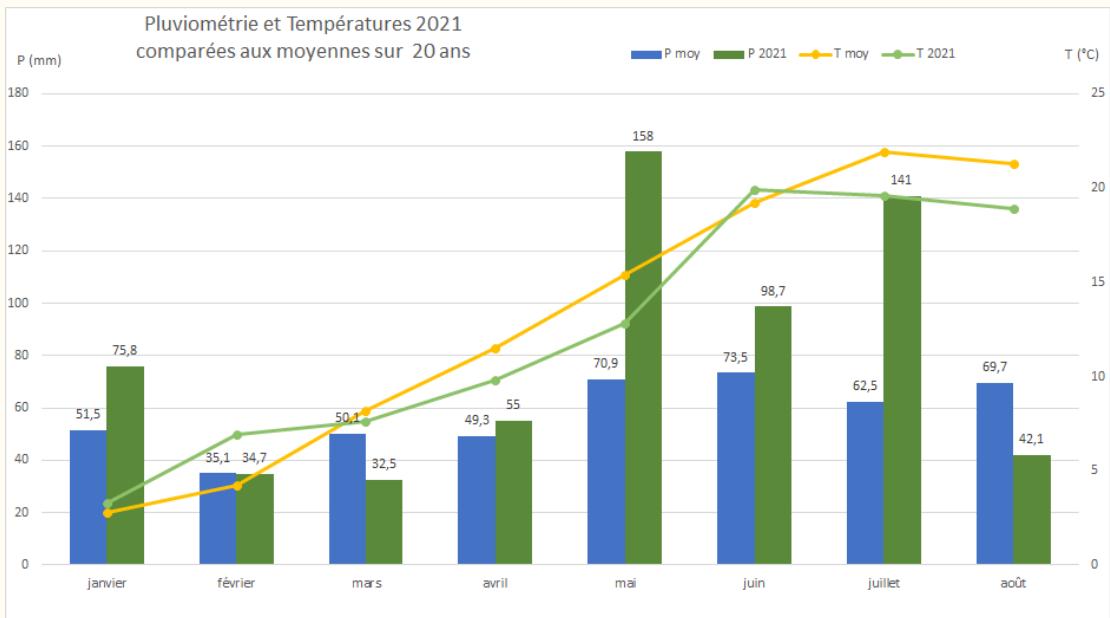
### A FRESH AND RAINY SPRING AND SUMMER

An important frost wave around the 8th of April has affected most of the vineyards like rarely seen before. We are now used to spring frost (2017, 2019...), but this year was unusually long and intense. On the 8th of April especially, the temperature went down to -8,1°C in Chazay d'Azergues, a record!

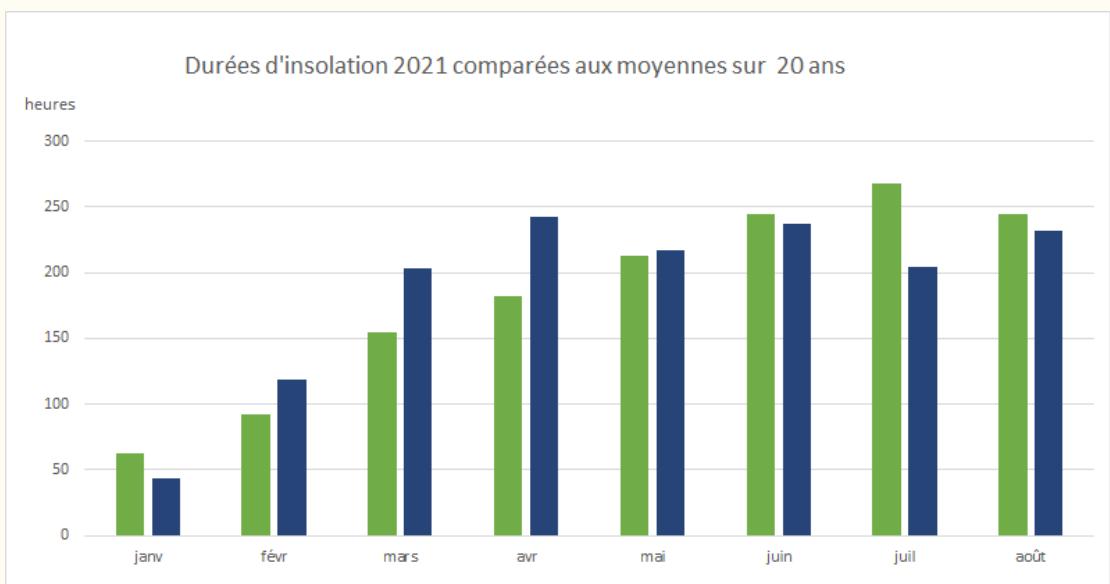
During the month of may, the temperature are fresh and rainfall is high in Beaujolais & Mâconnais, delaying the vine growing cycle. Rainfall since the beginning of the year is in excess of 100 mm in the end of may compare to a normal year. Due to the weather, work and interventions in the vineyards were challenging but those water reserves will help mitigate a hot summer.

The sun and hot temperatures are back in June (35° C on the 15th of June) and give perfect conditions for the flowering of the vine (Week-end of June 12th). Unfortunately, the beaujolais vineyard was hit by two episodes of hail storm in june and july which touched the north as well as the south part of the region. The weather hazards in april and june foreshadow a low harvest 2021. Second trimester in figures:

- Average temperature: 14,2°C , slightly lower than normal (-1,2°C)
- Rainfall: 310 mm, quite higher than normal (+114 mm)
- Sunlight: 696 hours, slightly higher than normal (+56 hours)



Thankfully, the rain stops after the 12th of August and the sun, accompanied by a North wind, finally shines. Then come ideal conditions for the maturation with cool nights and warm -but not excessively hot-days. Grapes that have been spared by this challenging year are in good health and offer a nice aromatic potential. This 2021 vintage will be of an elegant style, with a good colour and lower alcoholic degrees compare to the previous vintages. We're expecting beautiful surprises in the Crus and in the South, Les Pierres Dorées area. (Domaine Romy, Non-Filtered cuvée)



## REGARDING HARVEST DATE?

Harvest official start has been set on the 13th of September 2021, average of the last 20 years. The majority of the vineyard has been harvested from the 20th to the 25th of September and the late areas will be done during the week of the 27th of September. The legal release for the Nouveau wines is a week earlier than 2020 but due to the late harvest and our wish to offer qualitative Beaujolais Nouveaux, **our export shipments will only start from the 28th of October** as per last year timing.

A Cercié en Beaujolais, 27th of September 2021

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