



CHÂTEAUFONROQUE 2018

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Weather Conditions of the Vintage

2018 was a hot and rainy year marked by a strong heterogeneity of rains in the spring then a drought in August. Between March and August, average temperatures have always been equal to or above the 2006-2018 average, 7 out of 12 months are above average. At the 31st of august, the rainfall benefit was +110 mm (+ 15%).

After a winter marked by a very high rainfall (twice the average rainfall in December), the spring was very wet with sometimes significant differences depending on the sector (between 60 and 120 mm in June).

A slight hail episode is to be noted on May 26th and 30th. The third characteristic of this vintage is the strong August drought with signs of defoliation on some young vines. The rains of early September have been beneficial, but there is a heterogeneity between the stations in the area, from 10 to 50 mm. Overall, the 2018 water balance has been complicated to manage in the vineyard.

Surface area	16, 45 hectares
Terroir	Limestone plateau and clay on the slope
Grape Varieties	82 % Merlot 18 % Cabernet Franc
Harvest date	17th to 25th of September
Vines Management	Organics and Biodynamics Vin biologique contrôlé par ECOCERT France SAS Vin biodynamique contrôlé par ECOCERT France SAS
Ageing	30 % of New oak and 70 % of one year and more barrels
Yields	30 hectoliters/ha
Production	35 000 bottles

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