

2018

Vintage Report



The idyllic climatic conditions experienced throughout the season favored an outstanding performance of our vineyards, as temperatures fluctuated among the historic parameters, concluding the season with moderate temperatures. This allowed a very balanced ripening and harvesting, as well as ideal sanitary conditions, while enabling complex flavors in the grapes. We would dare say this is a vintage we truly believe was blessed by nature.

In Max I and Max V vineyard blocks, the season began with considerable water reserves in our soils equivalent to 49% above average records, due to 230 mm of rainfall we experienced from May to October, being 154 mm the historical average for this period. Spring unfolded with normal temperatures as some rains sprinkled the vines throughout October, allowing a very balanced bud break among the historical dates for our vineyard.

Flowering reached its peak on November 15, similar to historic dates, while heat summation up to this period was practically the same as the previous vintage, giving the message that we would face a season with no surprises. But nature soon called out attention as December concluded with a heat summation 8% higher than average, making us believe that heat would be the pattern of the season.

January, nevertheless, turned out to be quite the opposite, as heat summation was 4,1 lower than historic and average temperature followed the same trend with half a degree lower than historic, scoring 19,5°C. A significant number of cloudy days completed the sketch, which triggered veraison with few days of delay compared to average date. Nature seemed to settle down during February and March scoring average temperatures, while April was slightly warmer but not enough to catch our attention, wrapping the season with a heat summation that was only 1% higher than average.

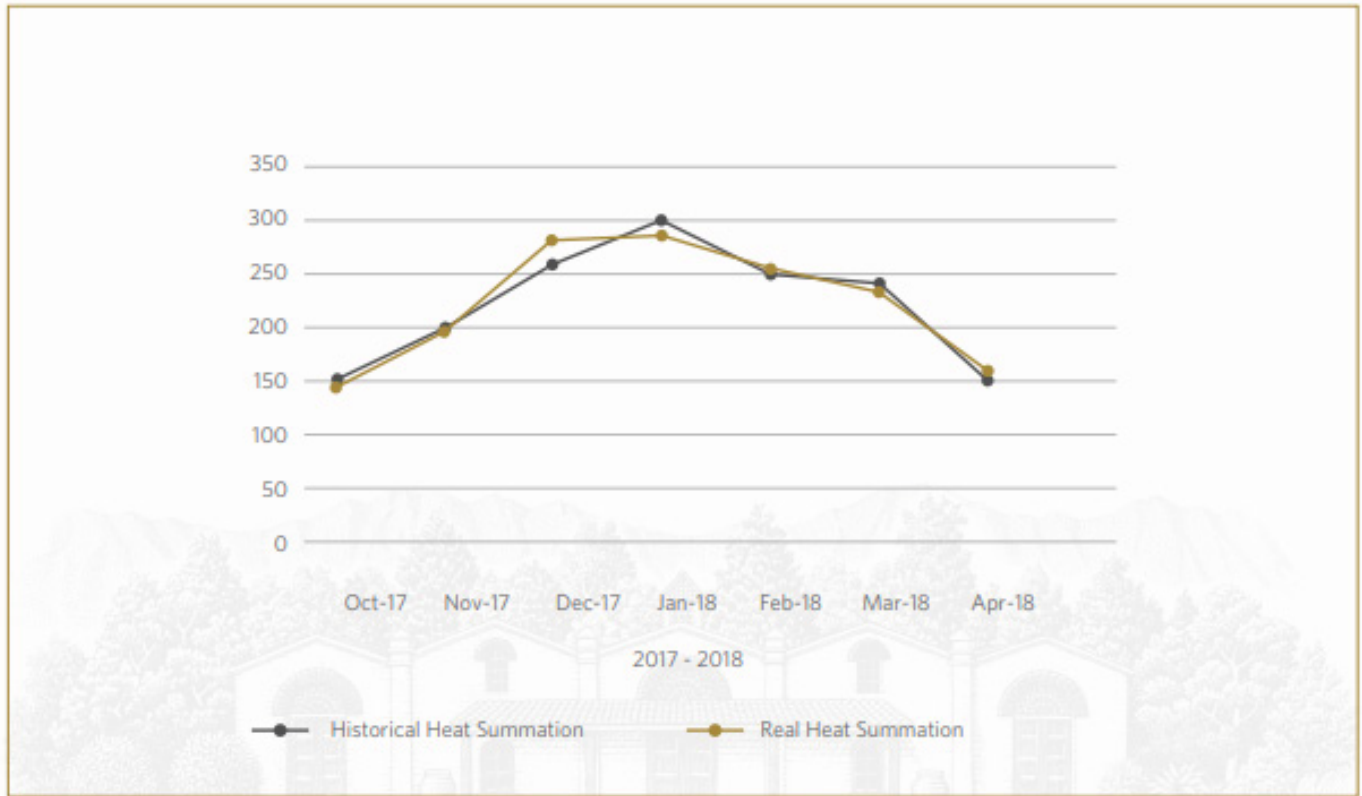
Yields in our Max vineyard blocks were 7% above the expected, averaging 7,3 tons per hectare, being a generous season due to the warm spring of 2016, which resulted in an excellent induction of the buds. The 2018 season will surely be remembered as an ideal one, with nature reminding us the importance of preceding climatic events in previous seasons and how these are closely related in the subsequent performance of our vineyards.

Don Maximiano 2017 - 2018 Growing Season								
	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan -18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	Total
Historical Heat Summation (DD)	149,0	205,6	260,6	296,1	258,0	238,6	152,0	1.560
Growing Season Heat Summation (DD)	146	207	281	284	260	243	159	1.580
% var	-2,0%	0,7%	7,8%	-4,1%	0,8%	1,8%	4,6%	1,3%
Historical Rainfall (mm)	16,1	0,7	3,7	0,2	0,0	1,9	6,5	29,2
Growing Season Rainfall (mm)	23,1	0,3	0,3	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	23,7



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