

## Vintage 2017

According to Winepress Magazine, VINTAGE 2017 was one of the most challenging vintage which Marlborough's wine industry has experienced, with the major November earthquake, inclement summer, and extraordinary January winds, followed by a series of major rain events during a drawn out and humid harvest. It was a rough ride that resulted in lower brix, disease pressure, and reduced harvest expectations for many. However, Wine Marlborough Chairman Rhyan Wardman says growers with rigorous spray schedules and diligent viticulture were rewarded with good clean fruit. "Yes, the brix are not as high as those historically achieved, but for me this year was about the cleanliness of the fruit and the purity of the aromatics and the flavours. For me we had to preserve that at all costs," he says.

	Rain Fall 2017	Rain Fall LTA		GDD 2017	GDD LTA
July	34.4	65.7		7.4	9.3
August	39.2	62.9		6.9	19.2
September	26.4	50.9		62.1	53.1
October	58.6	55.2		124.8	102.7
November	86.4	47.4		167.7	146.9
December	20.2	48.2		207	213.2
January	27.2	46.7		260.5	252.2
February	61.8	44.7		223.6	223.4
March	47	43.9		196.4	190.5
April	131.4	52.7		119.8	108.6
May	57.2	63.9		28.3	56.1
June	18.4	60		6.1	18.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>608.2</b>	<b>642.2</b>		<b>1410.6</b>	<b>1393.6</b>

Precise weather data is available from <https://www.mrc.org.nz/blenheim-weather-station>