

Temperature fluctuations effect grapevines and grape development and therefore influence the character of each vintage. Rainfall affects this vintage and others by the way it indicates water storage in the soil and in underground acquifers. Data for Oakville, CA courtesy U.C. Cooperative Extension, U.C. Davis and Napa Valley Winegrowers.

## 2024— A Classic Vintage for Napa Valley

Described as dynamic and rich in flavor, the 2024 vintage captures the unique character of Napa Valley, blending boldness with elegance.

It was a textbook year for winemaking, yet it was also unusual for the numerous days of heat during the growing season. Key to the success of the vintage was heavy winter rain that set the vines up for success.

The winter rains saturated the soil and laid a foundation for healthy vegetative growth. The resulting natural shade canopy protected the crop through the expansive summertime heat from June through harvest.

For winemakers, it was a low stress year as everything came in as expected, yet it was also compacted which required the flexibility and collaboration of vineyard and winemaking teams over long harvest days. Most of the grape harvest took place a night with early morning delivery to the crush pads.

The sparkling wine harvest took place from early August to early September. Still wine varieties began in mid-August and wrapped up by mid-October.

