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Chablis 2025: An Early Vintage with Strong Potential

The 2025 vintage in Chablis brings together contrast and promise. Despite challenging weather, growers harvested healthy fruit, and the resulting wines combine freshness, balance, and confident ageing potential. With an estimated 300,000 hectoliters—slightly below recent five- and ten-year averages—Chablis returns to volumes more closely aligned with market needs after the sharply reduced 2024 harvest.

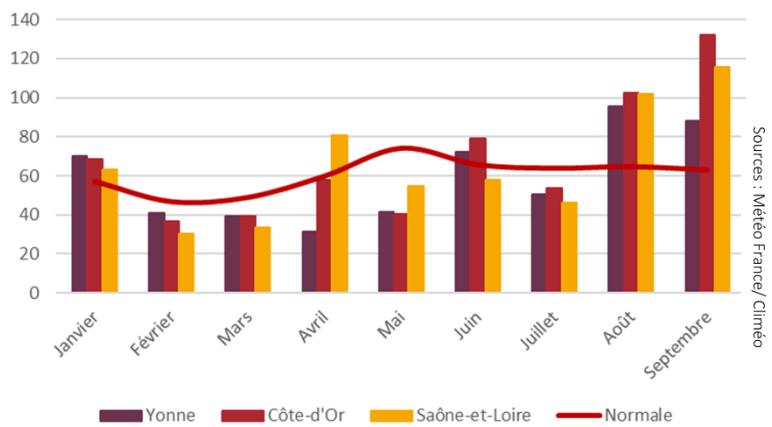
An Early Season Defined by Climatic Swings

The winter of 2024-25 unfolded without major extremes, despite a few episodes of frost. Budburst arrived exceptionally early—beginning in early April in the warmest areas—and set the vines on a rapid growth trajectory. What once felt unusual has now become almost standard, with Chablis increasingly moving toward consistently early vintages.

A cooler May briefly slowed this pace, but flowering accelerated quickly—sometimes abruptly—around May 26. The rest of the season was punctuated by two significant heatwaves: one at the end of June, and another from August 8 to 18, with temperatures nearing 40°C. These conditions naturally concentrated the berries, producing smaller fruit with thicker skins, a source of both aromatic intensity and structural depth.

Véraison began in the first week of July under excellent sanitary conditions. While isolated hailstorms at the end of July affected a few areas of the Grand Auxerrois, the broader Chablis vineyards were largely spared. Heavy but irregular mid-August rain provided welcome relief after weeks of drought, restarting ripening while requiring increased vigilance to maintain quality.

***Average Monthly Rainfall (mm) in Bourgogne – 2025
Department-Level Comparison with Long-Term Averages***



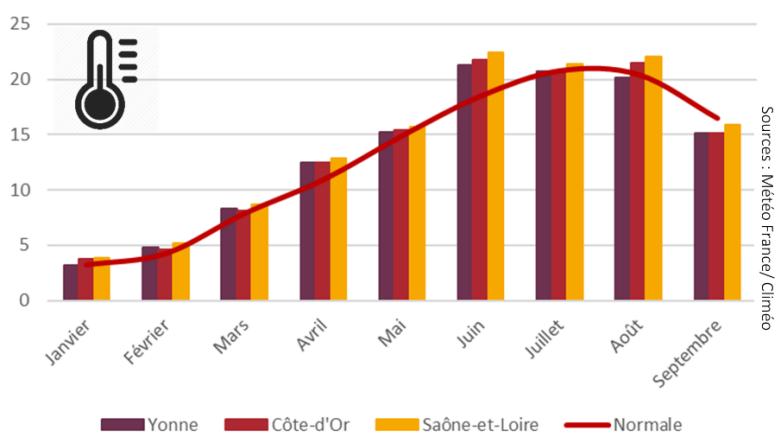
A Flexible, Extended, and High-Quality Harvest

Harvesting began exceptionally early on August 18. By late August, ripening was progressing so quickly that growers faced strategic choices—either pick ahead of the forecasted rain to preserve tension and freshness, or wait in hopes of recovering volume lost to the summer heat.

Early September rainfall split the harvest into two distinct phases, stretching picking over a longer period than usual and prompting parcel-by-parcel decision-making. In some vineyards, access became difficult for mechanical harvesters—widely used in Chablis—creating logistical challenges that teams handled with precision. These machines also made it possible to bring fruit in rapidly where needed, safeguarding overall quality.

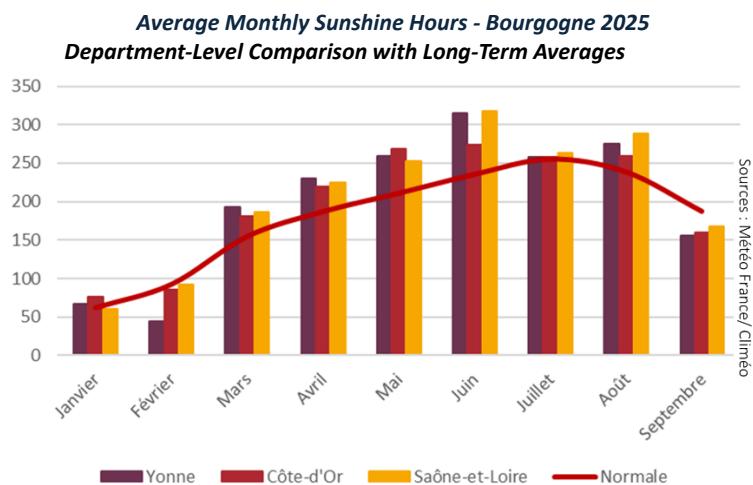
A light sorting—about 15%—was sometimes required due to botrytis appearing late in the season. Even so, fruit reached the cellars in remarkably clean condition. Yields, slightly below initial expectations, remain consistent with the region's typical capacity (around 50–55 hl/ha), particularly after the sharply reduced 2024 crop.

*Average Monthly Temperatures (°C) -- Bourgogne 2025
Department-Level Comparison with Long-Term Averages*



Bright, Harmonious Wines with Strong Ageing Potential

The 2025 whites show clarity, balance, and expressive aromatics. Two stylistic expressions are emerging. One is a fresh, fruit-driven profile with notes of pear and peach, lively acidity, and crisp tension. The other is a rounder, fuller style marked by subtle exotic nuances, supported by even ripeness and a generous sense of amplitude.



Despite the summer heat, alcohol levels remain moderate. Malolactic fermentations reflect the varied harvest timing—longer for lots picked early, quicker for those harvested after the rains. Overall, the wines combine concentration with lift, maintaining tension thanks to the September weather shift.

Early tastings reveal forthright, balanced wines with appealing roundness and vibrant fruit. The first wines already show depth and purity that point toward excellent ageing potential.

After a challenging 2024, the 2025 vintage reflects a more measured growing season, underscoring the growers' ability to adapt to demanding conditions. Despite its early timing and pronounced weather swings, the year will be remembered for precision, technical control, and clear-sighted decision-making across the vineyard.

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