

2018 was the fourth warmest year on record for the planet and the 8th warmest year in Oregon history. We had dry year overall for the Western U.S. rain-wise, with an unusually dry May & June providing beautiful weather for flowering and a solid fruit set. While 2018 was a warmer than average vintage, temperatures stayed in the low to mid 90s with minimal heat spikes, making for a balanced year with less widespread heat stress than we'd seen in previous vintages. With moderately warm days occur along with cool nights, vines can rest in the evening and concentrate efforts on developing more fruit complexity and flavors. Low rainfall during late September and into October allowed us to easily manage harvest, picking grapes at the *perfect* moment instead of dodging rain or having to pull fruit early. Harvest was slow and steady, resulting in truly dialed in fruit composition with sugar levels, acidity, and pH nicely balanced.

2018 was the fourth warmest year on record for the planet, and the last five years collectively are the warmest years on modern record. It was the warmest year for the world's oceans, as well as the Arctic's warmest year at both poles.

Similarly, it was the 8th warmest year for Oregon, and a dry year overall for the Western U.S. rain-wise, with the Northwest becoming a prime area of drought.

From November 2017 through October 2018, Oregon experienced a warm November, followed by a cold December and a warm January 2018. February and March cooled down and brought enough rain that both slowed the vines down and provided enough soil moisture going into spring. May, June, July and August were very warm statewide

the growing season experienced temperatures 1.4 to 2.3 degrees above normal. The warmer temperatures resulted in heat accumulation that was roughly 5% above average for the 2018 vintage precipitation, there was below average rainfall throughout the year with the dormant season 1 to 43% below and the growing season experiencing 14 to 58 % below average rainfall.

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Late bud break was due to a slightly wet and cooler April in 2018. Bloom in verasion caught up quickly and was close to average across the state. While there was low bird pressure, there were enormous amounts of yellow jackets, which points to a mild winter with temperatures not cold enough to keep the insect populations down.

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May was dry by Oregon standards and there was little or no rain in summer, which was also unusually sunny. 'It wasn't as hot [overall] as 2016 or 2017,' Wright said. "But throughout the summer it was crazy dry and crazy hot."

fruit showed perhaps darker/juicier flavor profiles when compared to the 2017 vintage, the wines still exhibit the typical brightness and balance between freshness and depth of fruit that are hallmarks of Oregon wine. These wines show structure both from good acidity and from some really elegant tannins, and there's a sexiness to the fruit profile that's appealing