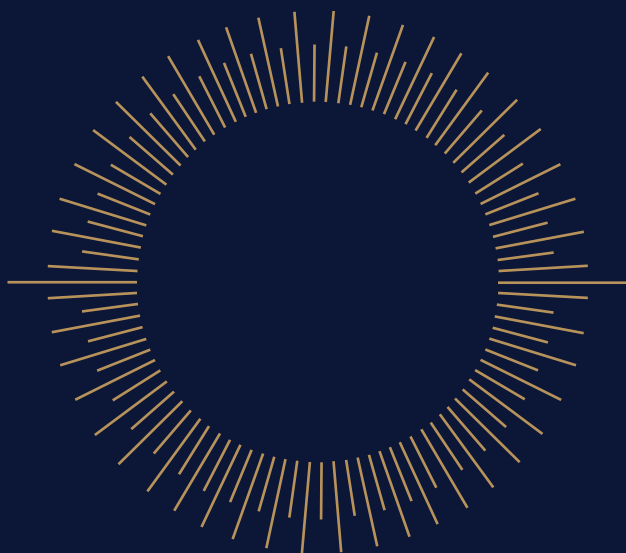


ANGELUS



«LE RAYONNANT»



2016

# CHÂTEAU ANGELUS 2016

*Saint-Émilion Grand Cru*

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*2016 is a radiant vintage mirroring the incredible summer conditions  
which shaped its identity and determined its destiny.*



3 months of summer without water: never before seen in the living memory of winegrowers! This surprising weather, and these incredible conditions, promise us a great, unpredictable and unexpected vintage. Until 20 June, the weather did not spare us, inflicting very heavy rainfall. In spite of these conditions, flowering went well. Fine weather set in from the last week of June and, quite remarkably, remained right up to the harvest. We had a sunny but rather cool July, with cold nights. August saw temperatures climb, with heatwaves of over 35 degrees some days. And that is why the very young vines began to suffer. The oldest vines resisted magnificently.

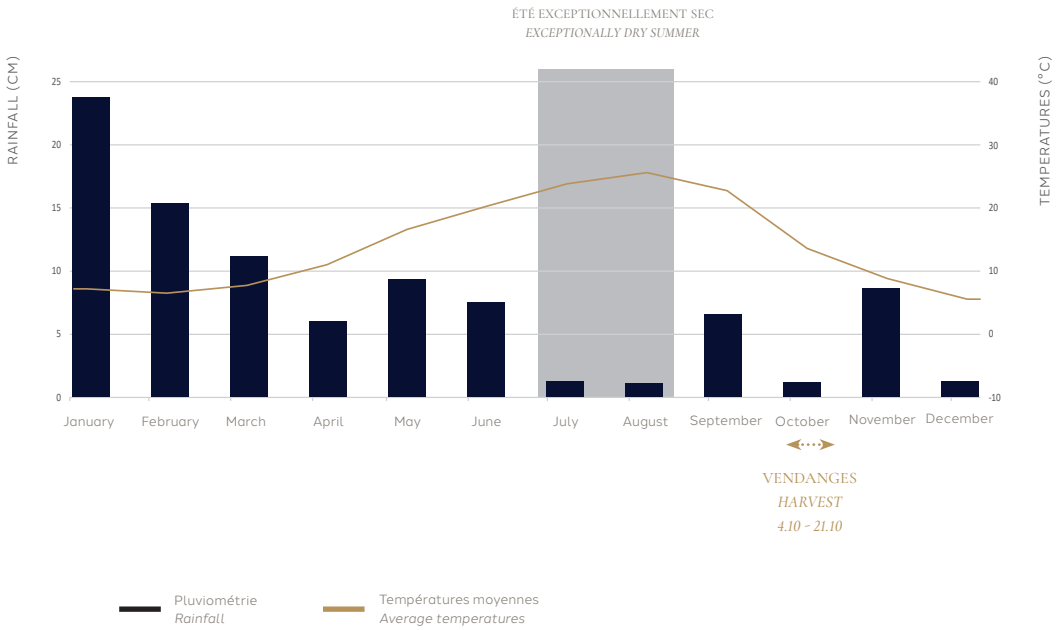
The summer continued through September, and with it the heat: daily temperatures of 28, 30 degrees. A severe storm was forecast for mid-September. This rain fallen from the heavens gave back energy, strength and breath to our vineyard. The tannins are ripening slowly and picking begins at the start of October for the grands vins.

As we had expected of them, the Merlots show an extremely deep colour, and their rich alcohol is perfectly integrated. They are dominated by fruit, freshness, breed and elegance. The Cabernets Francs, with their crunchiness, magnify this very great vintage of Angelus and enthral us with their level of quality: a touch of cashmere tannins, great smoothness, spicy notes. They rival the Merlots in their elegance.

**BLEND** 60% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Franc

**HARVEST** October 4th to 21st

# WEATHER CONDITIONS



# IN SUPPORT OF A SUSTAINABLE VINEYARD

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At Angelus, the terroirs are the result of a perfect balance between climate, soils, water reserves, vines and the people working there. Maintaining this balance, preserving the long-term future of the vineyard and its environment, optimising resources and enhancing biodiversity are central to our daily work. This concern for the environment gave rise to our commitment to virtuous and responsible farming.

## BRINGING LIFE TO THE SOILS

Grass cover crops in the rows  
Natural de-compacting of the soils  
Mycorrhizal development  
Ecological surface nests  
and support for airborne insect life.

## ENHANCING BIODIVERSITY

Planting hedgerows and trees around our vineyard plots  
Limiting inputs and proliferation of pests  
Establishment of polyculture.

## INDIVIDUALISED VINEYARD PRACTICES

Pruning methods that respect the flow of the sap  
Spraying to prevent disease  
Adapted thinning-out of shoots  
Early de-leafing and crop thinning.



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