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The 2015/16 growing season started in the middle of a dry year in the Barossa Valley, resulting in dry soils. Spring and early summer was warm, 2 to 5 Celsius warmer than average, meant the vine growth was swift and resulted in a good number of grape bunches. January was less extreme, warm with few heat spikes.

Very little rain for the month of January resulted in quick ripening, and it looked like vintage was going to arrive in a rush. Rain fall gave much respite in the last days of the month and February continued was even weather and dry. Harvest was in early February it continued quickly and evenly.



March was above average in temperature and rainfall, so ripening didn't slow down. By the end of March many wineries had finished picking. Despite the challenges of the dry season and limited water, most vineyards ripened evenly, proving the tenacity of the grape vine, and the value of old vines.

Higher than average bunch numbers in a very dry year meant berries were mostly smaller than average. Great flavours and colours (in reds) and surprisingly good natural acids. Standout varieties this year include Shiraz and Grenache.