

PRINZ

Vintage 2020: The third sunny year in a row – with very healthy grapes that reached ideal ripeness!

The growing season last year began with enough winter precipitation and moderate temperatures. This was followed in March by a shift to sunny and warm weather that caused the vines to start budding early yet again. The spell of good weather meant that the development of the vines took place swiftly. They also blossomed promptly, while a later cold front extended the flowering season.

A wonderful summer followed with lots of sun and high temperatures. With the water reserves from winter and sparse but crucial precipitation in summer, the grapes went on to develop very well.

The onset of ripening of the grapes started on August 10. The sunny and dry September with its cool nights resulted in absolutely healthy, golden-yellow and fully-mature grapes with a perfect balance of extract and acidity, mineral freshness but also highly aromatic.

On September 14, we began with the Pinot Noir (Spätburgunder), and on September 18, the first Riesling was harvested. The healthy, thick-skinned grapes survived the short rainfall during this time, so that we could go on to conduct a relaxed harvest and finish on October 14.

The dry summer still made an impact in some of our vineyards, especially in the younger vineyards and with re-planted vines in the older vineyards. The majority of the vineyards, however, were vibrant and appear to have adapted very well to the changing conditions.

Our biodynamic and sustainable work in the vineyards relies on using humus to enrich the soil adequately, cultivating a variety of green and flowering plants between the vines to bind the rainwater as well as old vines with deep roots. We see time and time again how important the balance of all these factors is for the healthy growth of grapes.

We are pleased to report that the first tasting in the cellar promises wines with a fine tension, freshness and finesse. On account of the healthy and ripe grapes used, they are also clear, precise, intense and elegant.