

Vintage Report 2016

The wines of the 2016 vintage have a lighter bouquet than the 2015 forerunner wines. As such, they perfectly complete our wine selection with their freshness and liveliness. This has to do with the changing weather conditions in 2016.

We were fortunate of the rainfalls providing our vineyards with water reserves for the rest of the vegetation period. For in July and August, it got very hot. The sunny days and cool nights in September ensured the perfect finalization: Starting mid-September, we were able to harvest fully ripened and healthy grapes - of outstanding quality!

Thanks to the cool and dry weather harvest continued until the end of October. Consequently, the grapes had enough time to reach their ideal ripeness and develop their sophisticated aromas. Already the young wines show that in taste. Overall, the new vintage can be characterized as elegant wines with fine fruity flavours and a wonderful freshening acidity. The varietal Silvaner is the great gainer of the climate change and again stands out this year.

But that's not all, the highlight of the 2016 vintage was the Eiswein we were able to harvest this year. Due to the milder winters, this opportunity has become very seldom. The grapes have to be fully frozen and picked at a temperature of at least -7°C. Luckily we took the risk and are very delighted to have this rare delicacy!



Lena Wirsching, Andrea Wirsching and Dr. Heinrich Wirsching in front of the Julius-Echter-Berg.