

2021: A Dream Vintage

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The year 2021 began with a mild and snowless winter. The pruning laid the foundation for the new year early on and was completed quickly, allowing us to start tying the vines by mid-February. Thanks to the warm spring temperatures, the vine shoot began as early as April. The long-awaited rain came in May and accompanied us throughout the month. Combined with the spring-like temperatures, it encouraged the vines to grow vigorously, and the bloom began on June 10th.

The months of June and July were marked by intense heat, while August was characterized by frequent rain showers and cool nights—ideal conditions for fruit and acid formation. In September, the cool nights ensured optimal physiological ripening and significantly intensified the fruit aromas. In particular, the Blaufränkisch developed its characteristic spice.

The harvest started later than usual: September 23th marked the beginning of the hand harvest with Sauvignon Blanc, followed by Chardonnay and our hochberg weiß (Field blend). The red varieties, St. Laurent, Pinot Noir, and Zweigelt, were next. By mid-October, the harvest included Blaufränkisch, Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon, with the final grapes being harvested on October 26th for Blaufränkisch hochberg. Despite the late harvest and high grape ripeness, the wines impress with an elegant structure, perfect fruit, and strong tannins.

This vintage will go down in history.

VARIETIES	95% Blaufränkisch, 5% St. Laurent from the estate's oldest vineyards.
HARVEST	Fully ripe, healthy grapes. Harvested by hand.
VINIFICATION	Traditional mash fermentation with cap submersion and subsequent maceration over a period of 50 days. Spontaneous fermentation.
MATURATION	40 months in small oak barrels. After blending the cuvée, an additional four months in large wooden casks.
ALCOHOL	15.0 % Vol.
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