

## 2005: The Birth Year of our Son

From the very beginning, the 2005 vintage presented a special challenge. A long, cold, and snow-rich winter kept the vineyards in a deep slumber for an extended period. Flowering began slowly, and recurring cool spells early on signaled a demanding growing season ahead.

In this year, meticulous vineyard work truly paid off. Strict yield reduction and diligent canopy management were essential to ensure grape quality. Our team was intensely focused on selecting the best grape material—especially after the heavy rains just before harvest. Every single grape was carefully inspected before entering the cellar, where another round of selection took place on the sorting table to ensure that only the finest fruit was processed.

Right on time for the harvest, the weather stabilized on September 28<sup>th</sup>, and a pleasant, dry autumn set in. The few remaining grapes ripened beautifully, resulting in a small quantity of spiced, expressive red wines. The harvest concluded on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

A particularly special highlight of this year was the birth of our son, *Konstantin*, at the beginning of the year.

Due to the weather conditions and low yields, only a very small quantity could be harvested from our oldest vineyards. Therefore, we decided to dedicate this year's "G" to our son Konstantin. The red wines from this vintage stand out with distinctive fruit and moderate tannin content.

**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 three months  
in large wooden casks.

**ALCOHOL** 14% Vol.

**NOTE**

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**Konstantin**

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