



VINTAGE REPORT 2025

Grünhaus, April 2026

The year began with a balanced and calm spring: budburst started around April 20, marking the moment our sheep left the vineyard. During the following period, neither early heatwaves nor extreme frost nights occurred, resulting in a steady and harmonious development of the vines. At the end of May, a surprise frost night briefly caused concern, but fortunately our vines remained unharmed.

Early summer was warm with sufficient rainfall, followed by a beautiful summer with moderate to warm temperatures and little precipitation, ideal conditions for an even and steady ripening process. By the end of August, the grapes were already slightly ahead of the previous year, raising expectations for a classic, relaxed harvest season.

Optimal Oechsle and acidity levels allowed for an early start to the harvest. However, the prospect of heavy rainfall in September soon posed new challenges, requiring maximum focus, relentless picking efforts, and a reversal of the usual harvest sequence: on September 12, base wines for sparkling wine and Pinot Noir grapes were harvested first. This was followed by the main harvest from September 16–22 for dry top-quality wines, Grosses Gewächs, Spätlese, and Kabinett wines. After a break due to rain, a “pre-harvest” for Gutswein resumed, followed by Spätlese and Auslese selections. After another interruption, the remaining Prädikatswein grapes were carefully hand-selected and harvested.

Thanks to the tireless commitment of our team, who performed outstandingly despite the tight schedule and long working days, an excellent harvest was achieved. Only the finest grapes were gently pressed and spontaneously fermented in the castle cellar. By the second week of October, all grapes except those destined for Trockenbeerenauslese and Eiswein were safely in the cellar.

The 2025 vintage is characterized by a fine, exceptionally elegant fruit profile, framed by cool precision and remarkable clarity. It combines the ripe, supple yet precise acidity of modern wines with the elegance and finesse of the 1990s. Compared to 2022 and 2023, it shows a cooler, more defined profile, moderate alcohol levels, and captivating fruit, a harmonious balance that promises both immediate enjoyment and excellent aging potential. A truly enchanting vintage, born under demanding conditions.