



2025 Harvest Report: Excitement from Start to Finish

A season that demanded both precision and speed. But the reward was well worth the effort.

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As with our parent estate in the Mosel region, the soils of the northern Pfalz region were able to absorb sufficient water in 2024, providing our vines with an excellent foundation for the 2025 vintage.

Life returned to our vineyards with budbreak beginning on April 15 — about five days later than the previous year — and immediate action was required. Beginning in early May, our team had to respond with a well-planned organic plant protection program against powdery mildew (*Oidium*).

Thanks to many years of experience and an intimate understanding of each vineyard site, we were able to bring our vines safely and healthily through to the autumn. The most decisive moment for every wine — flowering — began this year on June 1. Thanks to dry and sunny weather, it was short and even.

The result was a very uniform and abundant fruit set, raising great anticipation for the 2025 harvest. However, the dry period also brought challenges, as it persisted from early June through August across the region. This led, in some areas with sandy and well-drained soils, to drought stress and the shedding of shoot tips.

At the end of this lightning-fast season came an equally intense and swift harvest. By late August, the first perfectly healthy grapes for our sparkling wines and Pinot Noirs were already being picked. The fruit this year was consistently healthy. Sugar ripeness outpaced physiological ripeness, meaning the tannins were still a bit youthful and green when we had to begin picking due to high must weights. Nevertheless, thanks to a very harmonious and solid acidity and sufficient nutrients for our wild yeasts, fermentation proceeded smoothly and without difficulty.

The resulting young wines promise a vintage of vibrant depth and finesse — a fitting reward for a demanding year of hard work, and one that fills us with anticipation for the moment we will be able to present them.



The 2025 harvest at Villa Wolf.

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