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Vintage 2022

We had a mild start to 2022. There were frosty periods from January through April, but from February most days were above 5°C. January was very wet – rainfall was 63% above average, but February and March were marked by unusually mild temperatures and slightly less rain than the norm. April was relatively cooler, which slightly slowed down the early vegetation. Bud-break was in the second half of that month.

May, June and July continued to be drier and warmer than average, with temperatures reaching 37,7°C in mid-July. Flowering was early, at the beginning of June. While temperatures usually start to decrease in August, this was not the case in 2022 – it was the warmest month of all. Half of August days saw temperatures surpass 30°C, and it was very dry.

The weather only broke in September: the temperature dropped and it began to rain. This was a big relief for nature in general and fortunately did not harm the grapes either.

Harvest started on 19th September and finished on 22nd October. We were able to produce Kabinett, Spätlese and Auslese. Although it was not a high-botrytis vintage, we were pleased to be able to select two Goldcapsules – one in the Bernkasteler Lay and one in the Graacher Himmelreich - and one Long Goldcapsule in the Zeltinger Sonnenuhr.

To summarize, 2022 was one of the warmest and driest on record, with unusually low amounts of rain between March and early September. We did a lot green harvesting to distress the vines and improve not only the quality of the grapes of the current vintage but also to ensure the vines' long-term health.

Given the hot and exceptionally dry growing season, the freshness of the wines is impressive. Recent tastings are very promising – the wines are clear and taut, not opulent, and although they are still very youthful, they are now starting to open up.