

VINTAGE REPORT 2022 - MAXIMIN GRÜNHÄUS

The year 2022 will be remembered as beautiful but extremely dry year with unforeseeable happy end with extremely fresh, crisp, and mouthwatering classic wines.

Due to the warm and already dry spring, the growing season began with an early budding in May, whereby the Grünhäuser vineyards were not affected by dangerous late frosts. After the harvest started quite late in 2021, we began pruning immediately after the leaves have been fallen and were thus well positioned for the upcoming vintage. Due to the lack of rain the growth was not that rapid of the vines and the natural greening. We paid special attention to the early and focused defoliation of the grape zone around blooming of the vines. Our county Trier-Saarburg was unfortunately one of the driest in Germany in 2022 which was clearly noticeable in the vineyards. Particularly the young plants suffered from the lack of water and we are glad to rely on a rich treasure of old vines that are able to withstand the drought stress with their deep roots even in such a hot summer. The younger vineyards were cutted back extensively to ease from water stress. Due to that we lost the harvest in the younger vineyards on purpose in order to strengthen them for the future decades. Mid of August the lacking rain caused a critical stage even in the good water-bearing Grüneberg. Luckily end of August we got the eagerly prayed for rain with an enormously positive effect on the ripeness with still ripe but perfectly fresh acidity.

With the permanent vineyard, office and logistics team we harvested a first parcel of our Pinot Noir on the 6th of September, the first school day of our son Richard (as winemakers we have to harvest when its time). From mid of September on we continued the harvest with our Pinot Blanc and Riesling Sekt grapes and from then on in our classic Rieslings. Cool nights and small rain showers accompanied us through an otherwise optimal harvest in a golden autumn on the Ruwer. We finished the harvest on 11th of October. Due to the draught in the summer months we again had a low yield of 3 Fuder per hectare.

Vintage 2022 from Maximin Grünhaus will be a hard vintage to guess in blind tastings as we will remember it as an extremely hot year but after the fermentation and bottling it convinces us with an extreme freshness, mouthwatering acidity and superb precision. Our whole team deserves a huge Thank you for this remarkable vintage!

From vintage 2022 on our second dry wine will be finally named Grünhäuser 1G (Premier Cru) as it is a superb reflections and ambassador of our Grand Cru vineyards in Maximin Grünhaus.