



FRITZ HAAG

Vintagereport 2018

The 2018 vintage will be remembered for one thing above all else: sun!

Our vines enjoyed around 100 extra hours of sunshine last year, even compared with grand vintages such as 2015. This came because the nearly picture-perfect spring was followed by an exceptionally dry summer. Fortunately, just as things were starting to get a bit parched in the vineyards, Brauneberg sustained two days of rain, dropping around 80 liters of water total. As soon as the storm passed we had our hands full limiting erosion of the soil. Yet for the vines it was certainly a welcome break from the extreme summer heat. What a vintage!

Even in a year with such ideal conditions, we are perpetually chasing the elusive moment of ripeness. This autumn, like all others, saw us spare no effort in the meticulous and individual selection of our fruit. At least the pace was blissfully unhurried, on account of the excellent weather forecast. As a result, the overall health of the harvested grapes seems likely to become the stuff of legends.

The 2018's are already showing beautifully: phenomenal balance, playful expression, elegance and above all else a delightful drinkability. As you await the debut of the incredible Große Gewächse and noble sweet wines, take the opportunity to enjoy one of our refreshing Rieslings, such as the racy Juffer Kabinett or our irresistible Spätlese. Or, of course, there's always the option to treat yourself to a delicious mature vintage.

We are very proud of the quality of the Rieslings currently resting in our cellars and hope you will be too!

We hope to see you soon – perhaps at ProWein from 17 - 19 March in Hall 14 / E50 with many of our VDP friends and colleagues.

With fond greetings from the Mosel,

The Haag Family

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