



- Vintage report 2023 -

Morscheid, Ruwer Valley, November 2023

Beginning of harvest: 11 September 2023
End of harvest: 13 October 2023
Average yield: 50 hl/ha

The weather was quite exceptional during the 2023 growing season. Spring was kind to us this time, with mild temperatures and adequate rainfall leading to early flowering. The summer months were warm and bright, and our grapes ripened beautifully under plenty of sunshine. After wet conditions in late summer, they benefited from a wonderful early autumn through to harvest. Our final crop, which we mainly picked by hand, was healthy and intensely flavoured. The vintage was of outstanding quality and also offered us options at the higher *Prädikat* levels. This was down to impeccable fruit, but it also reflected the meticulous and devoted manner in which we sorted and handled our 'raw material'. We expect 2023 to produce harmonious, fruit-forward wines.

The late-summer rain increased the risk of bunch rot, forcing us to begin picking earlier than usual. We started with our very ripe Pinot varieties. Next in line was our Ortswein village fruit from Graach, Kasel and Wiltingen, where we were delighted to bring in particularly healthy grapes. Very sunny days had been punctuated by cool nights in the final weeks to harvest, meaning that sweetness levels were perfect for our intended categories of wine. After Ortswein, it was time to pick the fruit for our famous Riesling Kabinetts. Then we passed through the VDP.Grosse Lage® vineyards to select our Spätlesen and Grosse Gewächse.

The wines of the new vintage exhibit very site-specific characteristics on the nose and palate. Acidity is pronounced but balanced. The fermentations were nice and slow, helping to preserve and amplify the aromas and flavours in our fledgling wines. Our Kabinetts are light in body and currently show fresh, delicate and fruit-driven characters. This makes us even more excited about the Spätlesen and Grosse Gewächse to follow.

We cannot wait for you to taste the wonderful wines from the 2023 vintage. In the meantime, we hope you continue enjoying our amazing bottles from earlier vintages.

