



Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm

Vintage 2017

After a chilly January, a mild February and March triggered the vegetation to start early in 2017. In late April to early May, then, a cold period with frosty nights interrupted the speedy start of the season and caused damages in some vineyards. Temperatures jumped up in the second half of May, and with a few interruptions, the hot, dry weather lasted until mid July. Then followed a rather humid period until September, with temperatures below average. A golden October allowed the grapes to be harvested early, at fortunate weather conditions.

The year 2017 started with a very cold, dry and sunny January: 21 frost days and nearly 50% more sunshine than average made it a beautiful “winter month”.

The weather changed remarkably in February, which brought mild temperatures, and a good amount of rain.

March was even milder, and in contrast to February very sunny. Day temperatures reached more than 20°C by the end of the month, and only little rain came down. This beautiful spring weather caused an early start of vegetation, though cool temperatures at night slowed it down.

The sunny weather continued through April. However, while nearly summerlike temperatures were reached at the beginning of the month, temperatures decreased severely in later April and early May, partly below 0°C. In some of our vineyards, the frost damaged shoots, causing a remarkable, but luckily not disastrous reduction of yields. Apart from that, the cool period swept off the advance in vegetation.

In mid May, then, weather changed again considerably: A good amount of rain in the third week of the month was followed by summerly temperatures, reaching more than 30°C. Vegetation “exploded” and flowering started. After slowing down for a few days in earlier June, and some very rainy days, temperatures went even further up, reaching more than 35°C.



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The “dry” period finished around the turn of June to July. And while early July was still hot, temperatures went down remarkably in Mid July, then went up again for a few days before decreasing to around 20°C in late July. Rain-wise, July had nearly double the average amount. Also, some hail hit us, though the damage was very limited, luckily. August remained unstable, rather humid, and temperatures were moderate. This phase continued through September, which was cooler than average, and more humid.

Weather stabilized more and more by the end of September / early October. We started harvest very early on 25th September and already finished less than 1 month later on 18th October. Very fortunately, the weather greatly pleased us during harvest: A sunny and quite dry “golden” October allowed the grapes to be picked at good weather conditions.

Quality-wise, 2017 vintages made us happy – quantitywise, we were less satisfied.

The Prädikate harvested reached from Kabinett to TBA level, with a focus on Spätlesen and Auslesen. There was a good amount of botrytis developed, which we carefully selected for the higher Prädikate. Rather high acidity levels, only slowly decreasing during the harvest period, came along with the concentration of the grape juice, promising very vibrant wines.