

Vintage Report 2007

The 2007 vintage can only be described as what was a supreme experience at the Fritz Haag Estate: the perfect vintage which followed an ideal growing season with great ripening conditions that let us harvest our grapes at optimal flavour and ripeness levels.

Our vines came into budburst very early – almost a record for the estate. This had been preceded by an extremely mild winter. April was exceptionally kind with unseasonably warm and even temperatures as well as almost no rainfall. Because of this, we experienced a very early flowering at the end of May, and the remainder of the season continued just as favourably. A very agreeable summer followed with balmy and pleasant days, lacking the high temperature extremes, along with adequate rainfall. This gave us ideal growing and ripening conditions in the vineyard.

In line with the earlier stages of the season, we were anticipating an early start to the 2007 vintage, but cool evenings in September decelerated the ripening process to the point that we were able to postpone harvesting the first grapes until early October.

At this point, the 2007 season again offered very favourable conditions: an Indian summer blessed us with a “golden October” and let us leave our best grapes hanging on the vine and develop ripeness levels to the maximum. Towards the end of vintage, we were able to harvest these grapes fully ripe and in perfect condition, with a portion of classical “noble rot”.

By selective hand harvesting and a strict grape-by-grape selection, fantastically aromatic wines were created with mouth watering elegance. Alongside our crisp and elegant „Gutsriesling“, we harvested finely structured Kabinetts and wonderfully fruit driven and rich Spätlese and Auslese. The fine vintage was further made complete by the noble Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese.

All in all, a fantastic range came to be which elegantly showcases the wonderful fruit aromas and slate mineralogy typical of Brauneberg.

We would be very pleased at the opportunity to entice you and convince you of the outstanding quality of the 2007 vintage with a tasting of our wines.

We are very proud to have our efforts and labours that went into our 2006 vintage recognised by receiving the highly coveted award

“Wine Collection of the Year”

by the GaultMillau WeinGuide Deutschland 2008 for our complete range of 2006 wines. Of particular note was that the 2006 Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Spätlese as well as the 2006 Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr Trockenbeerenauslese achieved First Place in their respective classes.

With kindest regards

The Haag Family