

Vintage 2004

Despite fairly average summer weather, we can look forward to an excellent vintage.

Once again, the phenological data reflect an early growing season. The head start lasted throughout and slightly after blossoming, after which growth proceeded at a normal pace (see the table below) and moderate temperatures remained the norm until ripening began.

Excellent weather in September and October and the healthy state of our crop enabled us to postpone picking until quite late. The harvest at Weingut Fritz Haag began 26 October 2004. After very selective picking, particularly Riesling, we could take full advantage of optimal autumn weather to harvest grapes that yielded filigree, aromatic wines that are rich in mineral tones.

This vintage offers a broad range of wines, from lively, fine-fruity, dry Fritz Haag Riesling to superb Auslese from the Braunebrger Juffer Sonnenuhr site, all of which are relatively low in alcohol. Once again, the steep sites could show their strength. They blessed us with an ideal vintage typical of the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer region. Only limited quantities of lusciously sweet wines could be harvested in 2004. To do so would have required a lengthy period of dry, cold weather. Unfortunately, that simply didn't happen.

Best regards from the Mosel,

Weingut Fritz Haag

Phenological data Mosel-Saar-Ruwer

stages of development	long-term average	2004
bud burst	30 April	25 April
start of blossoming	25 June	17 June
start of ripening	30 August	30 August
start of picking	13 October	21 October