

## NEW WEBSITE

Wineconsale has launched a new internet presence. Within the last years we took several new producers on board with whom we are very successful today. On our new website you will find many useful information about Dreissigacker, Neiss, Pauly & Co. Each producer got a section called "references" where we collect ratings, reviews, awards and other useful things.

Please check out on [www.wineconsale.com](http://www.wineconsale.com)

## BINZ+BRATT excellent with japanese cuisine

An independent panel of japanese wine professionals tasted, in Japan, traditional japanese food with German wines. All wines were tasted blind. In the end 3 out of 6 selected wines to accompany japanese food were from our BINZ+BRATT range. The results were published in the glossy wine magazine *wi-not?* Please see more [here](#)

## NEW BOOK – The Finest Wines Of Germany

This month a new book about German wines has been released to the market. THE FINEST WINES OF GERMANY is created by the editorial team at *THE WORLD OF FINE WINE* magazine and is published *in english language*. Author is Stephan Reinhardt and the foreword is by Hugh Johnson.

Our partner winemaker Martin Tesch from Nahe received a nice review. See [here](#)

## PRE-HARVEST REPORT

Our harvest preview comes in the middle of the main harvest which is also a bit later compared to previous years. But actually the timing for the 2012 Riesling harvest is pretty average if you consider the long term. However, in recent years we became accustomed to very early crops.

The year 2012 started pretty unsettled. While January was mild and extremely wet, February turned out to be rather chilly but sunny and March was mild, sunny and nice like spring. April again was pretty average in terms of humidity and temperature but was lacking sunlight. (15% less sun hours compared to the average)

May has been a very nice month and more than compensated the missing sun hours from April with a surplus of 22%. May was warm and nice sometimes like summer already. Everybody was happy to go outside and to enjoy the flourishing nature. June has been pretty wet and lacking sunshine. With 16 - 17% less sun but 25% additional rain this month was not enjoyable at all. Now June is the month where blossom takes place and unfortunately flowering was disturbed by occasional showers which should finally result in lower yields. Now if you recall our vintage report from 2011 you may remember that flowering took place end of May. So in that way 2012 is kind of back to normal.

June remained unstable and wet and July just continued the same way. A 17% surplus of rainfall but 10% less sun hours are the pure facts. The humidity combined with mild temperatures accelerated the growth in the vineyards and vintners were busy to keep up with their work outside. Leaf cutting and grass mowing was crucial within these days and necessary in short intervals.

Finally summer came over Germany. August was just great, sometimes almost too hot but exactly what everybody was waiting for. Dry air is the best to preserve healthy fruits and August was dry, very dry. Vineyard management and crop protection could be reduced to a minimum.

This great weather conditions did prevail until the early days of September. Around the 10<sup>th</sup> of September the first estates started to harvest their early grape varieties. Markus Schneider started to pick the Sauvignon Blanc and Axel Neiss picked Frühburgunder (Pinot Madelaine). Since then harvest carries on with white Pinot grapes and now Riesling. Early October, around the 5<sup>th</sup>, the Rheingau region announced the official start of the Riesling harvest while most of the vintners along the Mosel just start now.

Yet, everything looks really promising. Must weights of Riesling reach 85° Oechsle and more which is equivalent to Spaetlese quality and most red grapes are even higher with more than 90°. Grapes are very healthy and the weather is most of the time cool and dry. Only occasional showers interrupted a so far stress-free picking season.

Unfortunately, first predictions estimate that we will have a slightly reduced yield compared to the long term average. But this strongly varies from region to region and sometimes even within regions. And also within grape varieties as it seems that particular white Pinot grapes will not cover the current demand. In total we expect between 5-10% lower yields compared to the long term but a very good quality.

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