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vintage 2021 - rainy days -

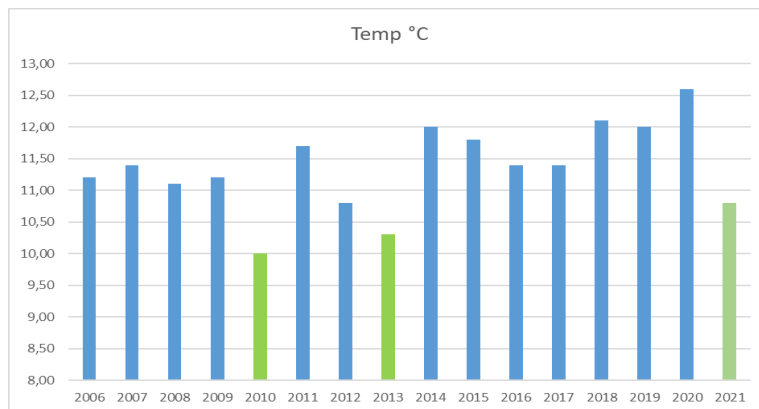
The 2021 vintage can be considered as *classic* in the best sense of the word, at least in the Riesling Saar region.

Classic - what does that mean ?

The growing conditions were **anything but easy**, fighting with fungus, rain washed the soil out of the vineyards, cool weather, partly impassable steep slopes. For centuries, this has been the fate of our little region. The past hot years made us forget this.

As early as 1956, the U.S. wineexpert Frank **Scoonmaker** aptly reported on the characteristic of Saar wines:

"In poor years the Saarwein is a beggar and in good years a noble lord. To be more specific, they are even more subject than the other wines of the Moselle to the caprices of weather and season."

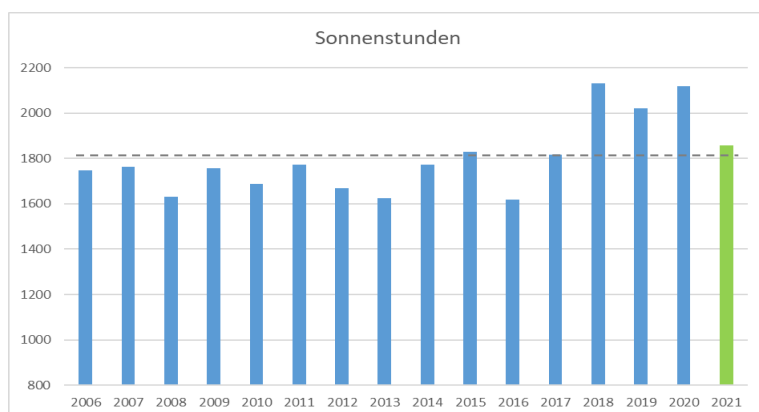


First, 2021 is clearly one of the **cooler vintages** of recent decades, comparable to 2010 and 2013.

The **acidity** levels were correspondingly fresh.

But what distinguishes 2021 from the equally cool previous years 2010 or 2013 ?

The sun made the difference !

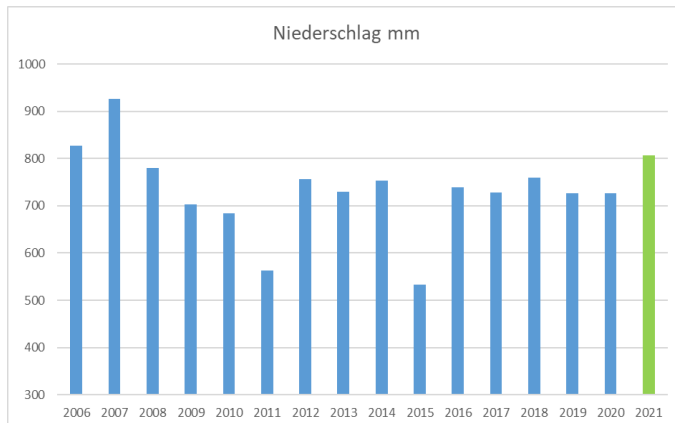


It shone more often in 2021 than in other years of the last decade. Except for the three uncharacteristically hot vintages of 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The quality-determining harvest months (September, October and November), which were all sunnier than the average of the years, particularly contributed to this relatively high proportion of sunshine in 2021.

In addition to the cool and partly **stony-fresh notes** of the 2021 wines, there is therefore often a finely dosed fruitiness, which rarely seems exotic, but rather local-herbaceous.

There was a lot of rain - a lot, in fact; especially from May to September, virtually over the entire growth phase of the vine. (Remember the 14th of July - the catastrophic flood on the Ahrvalley). Thus, the canes were always optimally supplied with water, but never too much. Thanks to the Saar slopes...



The high drainage power of our stony slate mountains guarantees - for centuries - the **balance of the water** supply.

Thus, a luxury consumption of the vines never takes place. This would cause excessively increased yields, from which the quality would suffer.

Water also always means a lot of minerals, especially potassium in the grapes. That is why our 2021 wines are rich in extract ...

Here and there, this will certainly show up later through formation of **tartaric crystals** in the bottle.

In this case, however, the crystals are a clear indication of high quality and low yields.

To prevent this tartaric precipitation with additives and stabilizers, which would be possible, we refuse on principle. So be happy about **pure natural Lauer-wines**.

The alcohol grades are on the same level as in the previous years:

Prädikate around 7-8%, off-dry 9.5-10%, dry wines 11 to 12.5%.

Stylistically, brace yourself for a glimpse into the past: this is a vintage of fresh, fine and invigorating wines.

After three hot vintages, 2021 brings back memories of the early 1990s in a style not seen in decades. Thinking back to my youth, we regularly harvested Riesling grapes in early November. 2021 brought back that forgotten memory.

The patience was rewarded with fine and **crisp Kabinett** wines, with fresh flavors, partly herbaceous, partly fruity nuanced.

The **dry wines** fermented long and harmonized by intensive yeast contact to an extremely attractive mixture of distinguished fineness and silky melt.

Natural and sustainable viticulture was our focus in 2021. Energy generation from photovoltaic systems, conversion to electric mobility, avoidance of waste, reusable cases, etc.

In addition, we are fighting to be allowed to continue offering our **sparkling wines** without **foil wrapping**. Here, a law stipulates that for purely visual reasons, every sparkling wine bottle must have a foil capsule on the neck. We think different. Conservation of our resources and avoidance of waste should be our focus in the near future.

Look forward with us to great 2021 Saar wines !

Your
Florian Lauer