



Harvest 2018 Highlights

Slovenia

It was the earliest harvest in the last 50 years.

In general it was a big harvest in Slovenia and also a very good one for the late ripening varieties, which was not the case in the last three years. The weather was not really promising in the beginning of the year, it was quite wet and too warm, however the weather in the second half of the year was perfect, dry and not too hot. Especially the aromatic varieties benefitted from a longer ripening period, which will result in aromatic and more complex wines with a good structure. Therefore our expectations for our super premium wines, especially for Chardonnay, Furmint, Pinot Grigio and Sauvignon Blanc are high. For the 2018 harvest we expect to have a lower alcohol level with slightly less acidity, but still lively and fruity.



Macedonia

The biggest challenge that we had in Macedonia, was hail in the summer, followed by Mildew which reduced the crop by 30%. Luckily the remaining crop was in a perfect condition so we were able to find the right grapes for all our quality wines. We harvested Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Vranec and are expecting fruity driven, aromatic, velvet and silky red wines in approx. 12 months from now on with an average alcohol level around 14%. We are very proud about our Vranec this year, which is made from grapes that come from 30 year old vines. Vranec is a wild, rustic grape, which is producing strong, red wines and we like the challenge to make it accessible and understandable for the consumer.

