



Esslinger Weinerlebnisweg

Station 25a

The origin of the new wine press



The wine press was built in 1971 on the slope of the Lechenberg according to the most modern criteria.

Your tanks hold around 250,000 liters, the bottle storage is for 300,000 bottles designed.

The winepress of the winegrower's Esslingen co-operative was built together between 1969 and 1971 after the merging of the cooperatives Esslingen, Mettingen and Sulzgries-Ruedern. It was initiated by the former mayor Dr. Klapproth, who brought together these three co-operatives.

Due to the construction of the road around the city centre the old winepress of the co-operative in Mettinger Street (points of interests 3 and 4, after the church of our woman) had to be demolished. At the same time land consolidation in the Mettingen vineyards took place and so a place with promising future for the collective plans could be found.

The topographically favorable location of the winepress at the hillside is ideal for winemaking: delivery of the grapes is from above and then the grapes fall downwards. Already in 1970 there was the rule of wine processing without pumping or at least as seldom as possible. Looking back, the merging of the co-operatives was an enrichment for the Esslingen wine.

The winegrowers of the co-operative Esslingen brought along the names of the city centre: Glockenspiel (the tower bells chime), Staffelsteiger (people moving up and down the steep stairs), Postmichel (according to the saga of the Post Michel, Hochwacht (name of one of the towers of the city fortification) and Burg (city fortification). The name Faifegraedler is for the winegrower's co-operative Mettingen.

Since 1971 there has been a big annual wine festival which brought together all members of the co-operative.

(according to the records of Otto Rapp)



Traubenanlieferung (Fotos: Margit Rapp)





The Esslinger wine press on Mettinger Straße in 1970, shortly before its demolition (photo Paul Clauss)



The in Sulzgries on the Neckatthalde in 1970 - today Hotel Kelter (Photo Paul Clauss)



The wine press in Rüdern (photo Paul Clauss)



The old Mettinger wine press of the monastery Weil – demolished 1957 (photo Paul Clauss)



The old Mettinger wine press of the monastery Weil – demolished 1966 (photo Paul Clauss)



The second Mettinger wine press 1958 - 2010 (Photo Paul Clauss)



The first wine festival at the new wine press in 1971 (Photo Paul Clauss)