



Ice Wine Grape Harvest and Crush

November 25, 2005



1. At first light, raising the bird netting before picking.



2. Almost finished picking for the day...



3. Cellarmaster Bill Whiting and Australian intern Sandra Cluning high atop the ice wine press.



4. Sandra forces the frozen grapes into the crusher. Crushed grapes fall through a hole in the platform into our special basket press (below, steel-colored).



5. While pressing, juice trickles out of the press and is pumped into a stainless steel tank. After a entire load is pressed, the frozen residue has to be chiseled out of the press. This residue is composed and spread back in the vineyards as fertilizer.