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1880

Jakob Ronacher opens his own coffeehouse; built and furnished by Gross&Jelinek. Mr. Sperl takes over Café Ronacher and renames it to its current name Café Sperl.

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1884

Adolf Kratochwilla takes over Café Sperl; owned by his family until 1968. Café Sperl becomes host to Secessionists first meeting (April 3, 1897) consisting of architects, artists and militaries.

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1895

June 1st - The „Siebenerclub“ founded their regular meeting place in Café Sperl. part of its members led to the creation of the Secession (est. 1897)

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1897

May 22nd - the Secession is established through regular meetings in Café Sperl (members: Engelhart, Mill, Kolo Moser, Olbrich, etc. ) Its principle: To place the trade of exhibiting on an artistic basis delivered from market forces.

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1929

January - February: Winter Catastrophe: coffeehouses including Café Sperl close down for weeks due to frozen water pipes which makes heating impossible.

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1941

March 25th - According to regulations, dark curtains must be hung in Café Sperl.

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1942

April 6th - Further food ration (35th Assignment). Coffeehouses serve only beverages also coffee substitutes.

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1945

September 1st - The French take the 6th District into their zone from the Russians.

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1950

The Espresso Bars moved into Vienna; with less expenditure and staff, its consumer prices are inexpensive. It becomes a competitor to traditional coffeehouses.

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1968

June 1st - Manfred Staub becomes new owner of Café Sperl.

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1979

Café Sperl price for small „Mokka“ with whipped cream is 11 Schilling, large „Mokka“ is 19 Schilling, „Melange“ is 16 Schilling.

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1983

Café Sperl goes under restoration; carefully preserving its historical monuments and spirit of 100 years traditional coffeehouse atmosphere. Also the gym hall floor was removed to expose its original parquet floor.

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1983

Vienna celebrates its „300 Years of Viennese Coffeehouse Tradition Jubilee“; coinciding with the end of the 2nd Turkish Siege

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1988

Vienna has 530 Coffeehouses, 650 Café Restaurants, 1060 Espresso Bars, 250 Pastry Cafés and 120 „coffee-to-go“ places. English Gastronomy Critic Roy Ackerman rates Café Sperl as best Café in Austria. In 1988, Roy Ackerman reviews 200 European coffeehouses and gives Café Sperl „Coffee of the Year“ of Austria.

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1999

Café Sperl is ranked number 1 of all coffeehouses in the „Tafelspitz“ ranking by Horowitz.

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2012

Manfred und Monika Staub win with the Café Sperl the „goldene Kaffeekanne“