

Mazot Zermatt

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- 1952 With a purchase agreement dated 13 June 1952, Sigismund Kronig acquires ¹ the land on which he later had the Mazot built, ² from the heirs of Josef Seiler ³ at a total purchase price of Fr. 770.00 (Fr. 7.00 per square metre). Originally, Sigismund Kronig planned to build a family house with a shop on the property.
- 1958 Sigismund Kronig had the Mazot built on the current site, at the construction cost of around CHF 120,000.00 at the time. For this purpose, he took out a mortgage of CHF 60,000.00 from the Darlehenskasse Zermatt (today Raiffeisenbank Mischabel-Matterhorn). The building is still without the extension to the north. On old photographs, the building can be seen in its size at that time.
- 1959 The first lease begins on January 1, 1959. The first tenants are Simon Biner and Isabelle Coppex. Isabelle Coppex, who comes from French-speaking Switzerland, gives the company the name «*Le Mazot*». It runs the business under the sole proprietorship «*Mrs. Isabelle Coppex, Rôtisserie and Hotel Le Mazot – Zermatt*». From this designation it can be concluded that it has always been a grill restaurant and a guesthouse (with six rooms at that time). The lease is inglorious because Simon Biner leaves the farm after only two years and Sigismund Kronig subsequently tries (unsuccessfully) to terminate the lease with Mrs. Coppex early. The name «*Le Mazot*» ⁴ but has survived to this day and established the concept as a grill restaurant with an open show kitchen.
- 1986 With the death of Sigismund Kronig, the property is inherited by my grandmother Frieda Julen-Kronig. After their death in 1988, the property was inherited by my father Klaus Julen. At that time, Hermann Perren was a long-time tenant of the Mazot until he died in an accident on the Matterhorn in 1990.

¹ My great-uncle, that is, a brother of my paternal grandmother (born 1904).

² Plot No. 873, Plan No. 3 (then area 110 m², today's area 162 m²).

³ Josef Seiler (born 1896) is a grandson of Alexander Seiler Sr. (born 1820), hotel pioneer and Grand Councillor, as well as son of Alexander Seiler Jr. (born 1864), hotelier, entrepreneur and National Councillor.

⁴ In German: generic term for an agricultural farm building (corresponds to the Valais German term "*Gädi*").

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- 2001 Klaus Julen is having the restaurant rebuilt and the hotel part renovated. In addition, the extension to the north is being built. With these renovation and expansion works, the Mazot takes on its current form. The former terrace to the north disappears.
- 2006 The show kitchen and the open barbecue area, which have always been the heart of the restaurant, will be completely renovated.
- 2011 As part of an exchange agreement, EWZ Electricity Zermatt AG formally assigns its floor unit in the basement to Klaus Julen. It is the restaurant between the garbage house and the tank room (not yet divided at that time). In this premises there were transformers of the power plant (transformer station). Before the founding of EWZ Elektrizitätswerk Zermatt AG in 1994, this restaurant was co-owned by the municipality of Zermatt and of the Burgergemeinde Zermatt (founding shareholders of the later EWZ Elektrizitätswerk Zermatt AG). My father suspects that because of this transformer station in the building, my great-uncle was allowed to build the Mazot directly on the Vispa and in all directions up to the border of the municipal roads (and partly beyond).
- 2014 The rubbish house is being built.
- 2019 Klaus Julen transfers the property to my sister Anne Bergamin-Julen and to me.
- 2020 The Mazot is getting a new coat of paint.
- 2023 The property will be transferred to a family stock corporation.
The company is called "*JuKron AG*" and stands for "*Julen*" (JuKron) and "*Kronig*" (JuKron).

Zermatt, August 2026

Hermann Julen

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Photo gallery (old photos) – Le Mazots⁵



Um 1960 bei der Brücke
zum Steg

⁵ See [Time travel - Zermatt](#) (in particular the Terms of Use, visited on 13.8.2026).

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Um 1960
von der Terrasse
des Mazot
aufgenommen

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Um 1965
Strassenbau an der Vispa