

# HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

## The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

### **Hessische Bergstraße**

#### **463 hectares**

The smallest of all German growing areas is one of the lucky regions that was able to bring in a significantly larger harvest than usual this year. With an expected 38,000 hectoliters, the wine must harvest was around 31 percent higher than the ten-year average. The wine region thus recorded the strongest increase in volume of all wine-growing areas. The above-average harvest was brought in to the cellar very quickly. Lots of sunshine and temperatures often over 25 degrees, meant that the grapes ripened quickly and the sugar content catapulted upwards. In order to keep the must as fresh as possible, most of the harvesting teams moved out to the vineyards in the early hours of the morning or at night. The wine year in the Hessische Bergstrasse was also characterized by prolonged drought and hot temperatures. As a result, the overall acidity is slightly lower than usual. The grapes were consistently very healthy, which is also due to the weather: Little rainfall also means a low susceptibility to diseases.