

# HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

## The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

### **Mittelrhein**

#### **468 hectares**

The vegetation on the Middle Rhine took off as early as April: an exceptionally warm spring meant that the winemakers observed their vines developing many days earlier than usual. In the lead-up to the Ice Saints, however, this is always a risk and the night of May 5th to 6th in particular, caused insomnia for many of the vintners - the weather forecast announced frost and the buds of the vines had already burst. The majority of the winegrowers were fortunately spared and only Oberwesel experienced critical temperatures. After that, the grapes developed very differently - depending on where and how much it rained. "The development of grapes and vines was very different this year on the Middle Rhine and largely depended on the water supply," says Gerd Knebel from the Middle Rhine Winegrowing Association. The summer was mostly relaxed for the winemakers, without having to contend with heat waves or storms like in the previous year. "It was gratifying that the grapes could be harvested this year in a very satisfactory state of health," continued Knebel. An elaborate hand-picking selection was not as necessary this year, as it had been in the previous year. Overall, the harvest is likely to be 31,000 hectoliters, around 11 percent above the long-term average.