

# HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

## The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

### **Mosel**

#### **8,744 hectares**

When vintners from the Mosel speak of an “envious autumn”, they describe the very different distribution of yields and quality within the growing region. The Mosel River meanders over 230 kilometers through the wine landscape and you will often find different conditions after each bend in the river. So, it can happen that a winemaker brings in the vintage of a lifetime, while their colleague a few villages away goes almost empty. They only had one thing in common this year: It was the third year in a row that was marked by prolonged drought. Therefore, whether a winery was amongst the winners or losers this autumn, mainly depended on the amount of rain they received. “There are clear local differences. However, most winemakers should be satisfied,” says Stefanie Vornhecke, Vice President of the Viticulture Association. Especially after the exceptionally weak previous year in 2019, the harvest volume this year is an estimated 813,000 hectoliters, ten percent above the long-term average. One advantage of the dry season this year was that the Mosel winemakers had few problems with diseases in the vineyards. You could thus harvest perfectly healthy grapes with moderate acidity. The musts promise very typical Mosel wines with intense aromas and a fruity character. This particularly suits a wine style typical of the region, which is Kabinett, and 2020 offered perfect conditions for it. Friends of this light-footed, fruity wine style can look forward to a particularly good vintage.