



Vintage Report 2020

Beginning of harvest: 15th September 2020
End of harvest: 19th October 2020
Average yield: 67 hl/ha

With the exception of some notable rain in mid-February, it was a very dry winter.

Dry and warm weather in spring was the signal for our vines to wake up quickly from their winter slumber.

Aided by very kind temperatures, bud burst was a rapid, straightforward affair – occurring at the start of April in our steep vineyards on the Mittelmosel and around seven days later on the Saar and Ruwer.

Frosts in April and May inflicted damage on two of our vineyard plots in the cooler tributary valleys of the Saar and Ruwer. Many of the affected vines produced new shoots thereafter, their grapes ripening slightly later as a consequence.

Subsequent flowering from early to mid-June went smoothly, resulting in almost zero yield losses.

Apart from the odd torrential downpour in some villages on the Mittelmosel, we experienced another dry summer in 2020.

A sudden heatwave at the beginning of August – and the intense sunlight that came with it – caused sunburn on some of our fruit. However, the consistently high temperatures also meant that our vines were spared almost any fungal issues.



When picking began in the balmy late-summer conditions of mid-September, our grapes were therefore in a more or less pristine condition, showing perfect physiological ripeness.

During the second half of the harvest, temperatures fell to an average of 10°C as rain set in.

After holding fire for three days, we finally picked a Trockenbeerenauslese in a wonderful quality fruit in our Brauneberger Juffer-Sonnenuhr *Grosse Lage* to conclude the 2020 season.



With grapes of perfect ripeness producing average must weights of around 85 degrees Oechsle, we once again have an outstanding basis for a varied array of unique, terroir-inflected wines. True to the Kesselstatt ethos, our fruit was carefully selected and picked by hand before being gently vinified in our modern cellar.



We look forward these tremendous wines in the making – a fascinating 2020 vintage of stellar quality from entry level to Trockenbeerenauslese.

Morscheid, December 2020