



VILLA HUESGEN

## Harvest Report 2022

### A wine year of extremes and challenges

After we started the year in the Middle Moselle with a mild winter, which was followed by a dry and almost continuously beautiful and frost-free spring, the driest summer, since weather records began in 1881, awaited us.

From the beginning of May until late September, we had hardly any precipitation anywhere. This had a particularly stressful effect on our most important grape variety, the Riesling, especially during the blossoming and growing season. Naturally, nature and vegetation suffered greatly from the persistent drought: young vines were at a considerable disadvantage compared to old, more deeply rooted vines in terms of accessing the water reserves in the depths of the earth. Rather dry plots lost their leaves, which are an important messenger of substances for the berries. The berries remained smaller and sparser in juice, which unfortunately reduced the yield. The important defoliation of the grape zones was also largely omitted or could only be carried out with even greater care to protect the berries from sunburn damage. When the first constant rainfall reached us in September, it was a small salvation for vineyard and nature, but too late to produce a top vintage.

The harvest started early, already at the end of September, with Pinot Blanc and Pinot Noir followed by Riesling. We were able to enjoy good qualities despite the extreme year. The golden-yellow grapes, ready for harvest, were healthy and tasty due to considerable effort, but with less juice and Oechsle in the middle range due to the drought.

During harvest time, the Moselle is a fun and colourful place to be in the vineyards. A stressful, but also beautiful time to reap the rewards of the year. This year, harvesting took place in consistently dry, sunny autumn weather. Peter, the weather god, must have had a bit of mercy and given us a golden autumn.



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Currently, the wines are fermenting diligently in our new wine cellar in stainless steel tanks, barriques and Stockinger wooden barrels. The first tastings of the VILLA HUESGEN wines are already promising. 2022 will be a year of quality and Kabinett wines as well as Spätlese with moderate alcohol levels. Light, aromatic and harmonious wines with fine complexity. **Made by happy people**

### The facts in brief:

- Start of harvest: 22 September
- End of harvest: 22 October
- Harvested liter: 25.270 l
- Yield / ha: 4.132 l/ha