

## **Vintagereport**

Vintage 2010 was fraught with challenges and required a considerable amount of time-consuming work during the harvest and production stages. Nevertheless, we were rewarded with wines of high quality.

Weather and growing conditions were both very unusual in 2010. After a relatively long, cold winter, spring was marked by rapid growth. Unfortunately, just at blossoming time in June the weather turned cool and rainy. As a result, fruit set was meager. Thanks to a period of warm, dry weather that set in at the end of June, growth caught up and ultimately reached the same level of ripeness as in the year before. Although variable weather at the height of summer delayed growth somewhat, the season ended on a positive note: the sunny days of autumn enabled us to begin a very selective harvest of fully ripened, very aromatic grapes in mid-October.

After a preliminary harvest, the remaining grapes were left to continue ripening. Particularly the grapes for our Grosse Gewächse benefited from this extra time on the vine. The autumn sun then blessed us with a very ripe, desirable botrytis. Although this reduced the overall size of the crop somewhat, it enabled us to harvest grapes of exceptionally high quality that were ripe enough to produce Spätlese and Auslese, as well as the rarities Beerenauslese and Trockenbeerenauslese.

With their harmonious, ripe acidity and wealth of fine, fruity aromas, the first cask samples confirm that 2010 is a very interesting – albeit small – vintage that has yielded wines we all look forward to.

Best regards from the Mosel

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