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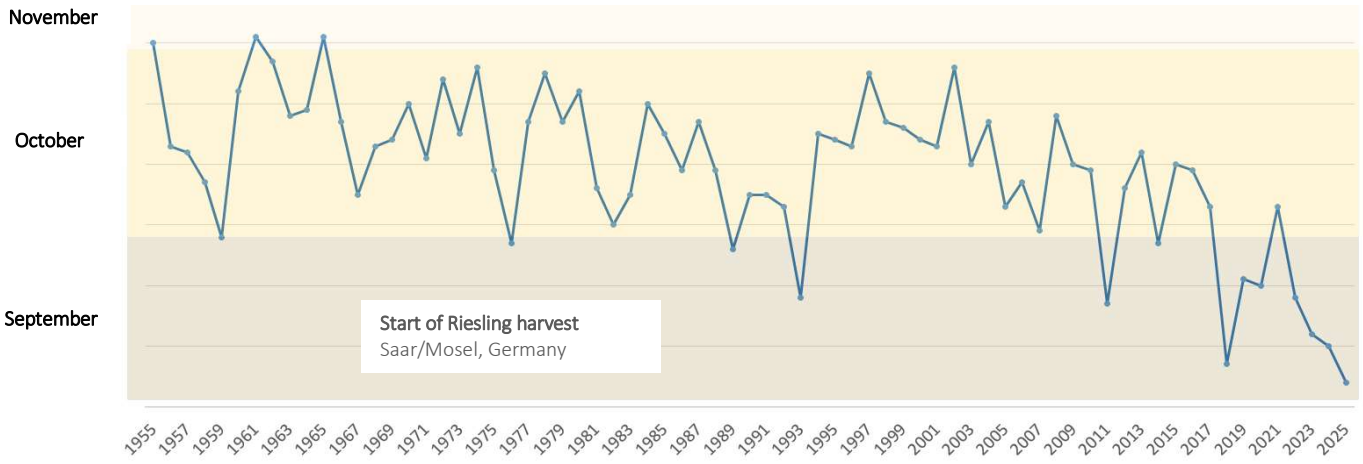
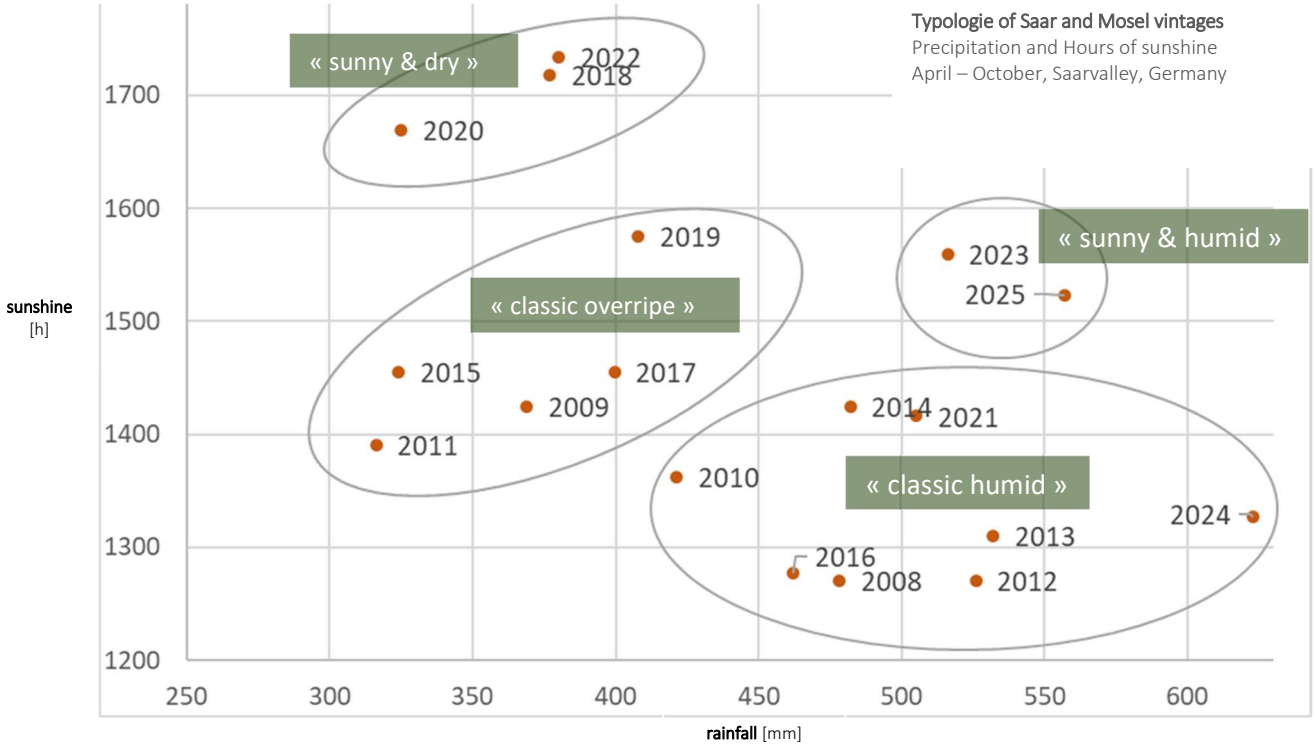
Vintage Report 2025

- A turbocharged Autumn -

The 2025 harvest began on 7 September, record-breakingly early, and rarely has one been completed so quickly.

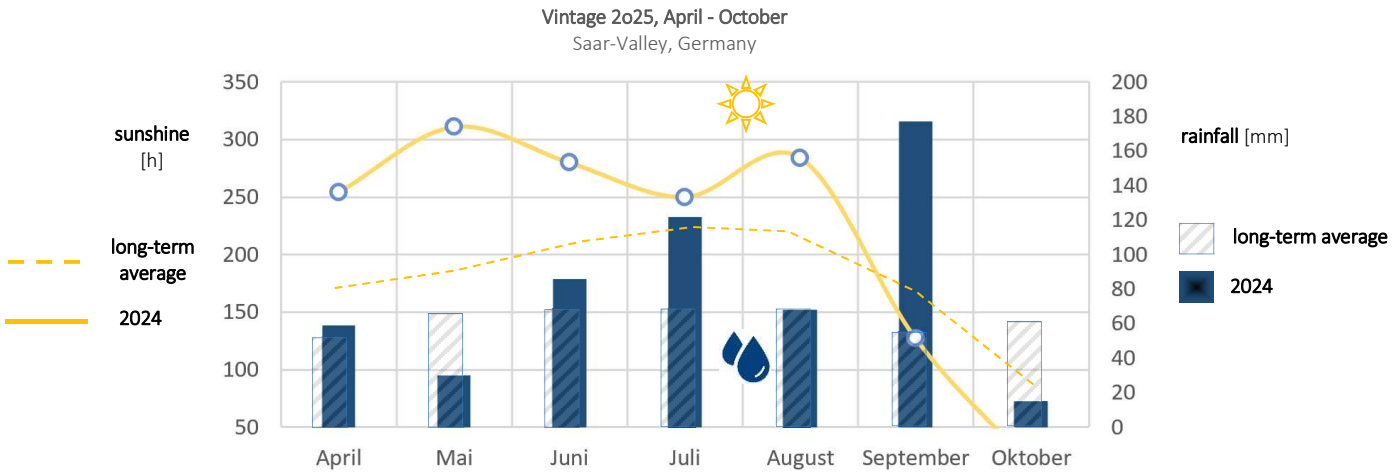


The picking window for ripe healthy grapes for dry wines lasted a maximum of 16-20 days, compared to 30-40 days in normal years.
From the end of September to mid-October we harvested overripe and raisined grapes for Auslese Gold Kapsel and Beerenauslese.
2025, along with 2023, is in a completely new category, 'sunny and humid', with growth conditions we are going to have to get used to.



Lush growth – good nutrient supply during the summer

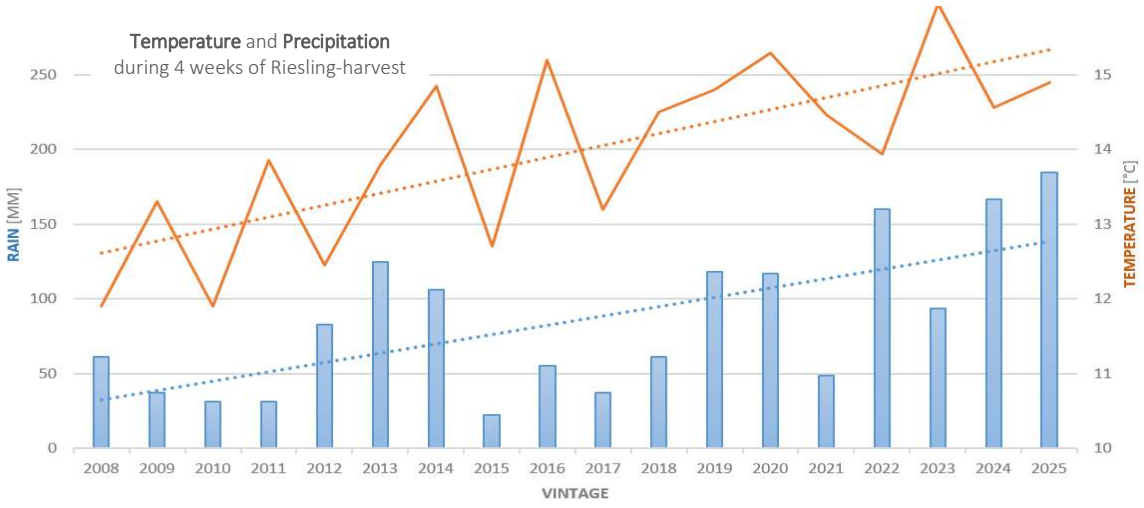
Water supply and air temperature were well above average in 2025. Tropical, warm and humid weather created perfect conditions for microbial life to flourish in the soil, providing a high level of nutrients, leading to lush vine growth and good ripeness. Luckily, the number of bunches on the vine was higher than in previous years and matched the vegetative growth.



The harvest: heavy rainfall, thin grape skins, high juice yield

Constant, heavy rainfall accompanied the 2025 harvest. Almost 200 mm of rain fell during this period - the highest in decades. Low night-time temperatures prevented the onset of early fungal disease, resulting in pure and delicate-tasting musts.

In future, the increasing humidity during the harvest each year, accompanied by rising temperatures, means that winegrowers must work quickly and efficiently.



The yield from pressing was very high in 2025, as the berries' extremely thin skins released their juice almost without pressure. In some cases, 65% of the must ran off as free-run juice. We can thus expect very fine, fruit-driven wines with no trace of unpleasant bitterness.

Sites with poor soils, especially those with vines growing on traditional single stakes in the steep Grand Crus, performed best, and bore perfectly intact, ripe and healthy fruit into October. There was less foliage in relation to the number of grapes, so ripening was delayed by ten days, meaning that the rain affected the bunches much less than those on trellised vines in the same location.

In short, 2025 is a great vintage in terms of quality and quantity: full-bodied wines that will be a joy to drink.

Florian Lauer

Appendix:

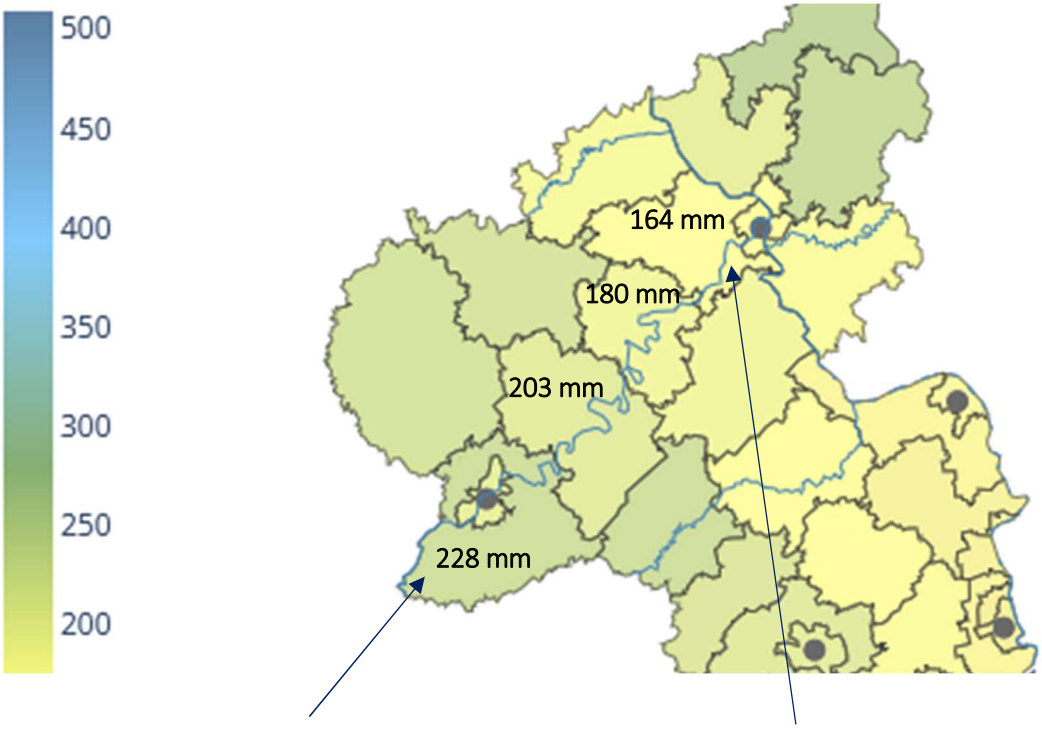
A perspective on the Mosel Appellation

Over the last thirty years, weather patterns have undergone big changes in the Mosel region. During this period, annual rainfall has increased in the Saar and Ruwer, making the harvest months wetter and more prone to early rot.

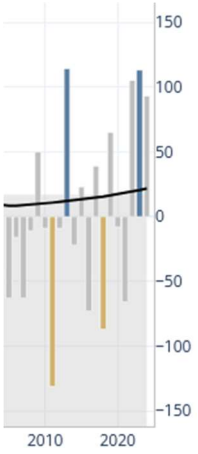
At the same time, rainfall has decreased downriver in the 'Terrassenmosel' near Koblenz, resulting in drier harvest months and a lower risk of rot.

These contrasting trends are likely to continue as time goes on. However, values in the Middle Mosel – the districts of Cochem-Zell and Bernkastel-Wittlich – remain relatively stable.

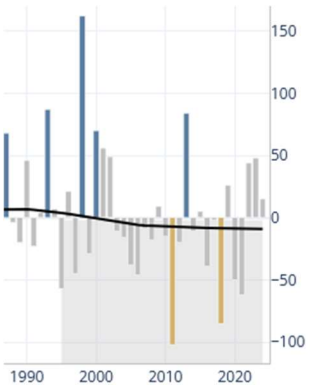
Precipitation / Autumn (sep/Oct/Nov) 1995-2024



Deviation of precipitation (mm) compared to the reference period 1881-1910



Saar & Ruwer



Terrassenmosel