

“Bei uns ist immer was los!” Feste im Herbst

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to put parcels of land together and then distribute plots equitably often takes a matter of years. But the success of such programs has been proved beyond question. In the end the vintners gain a considerable advantage, those who love a good glass of wine find that there are more quality vintages to delight their palates, and the wine queens will flash their most dazzling smiles.

Although Germany is best known for its beer festivals like the über-party of *Oktoberfest* and, to a lesser degree, the *Canstatterfest* in Stuttgart (which ‘quietly’ attracts 4 million visitors per year—mostly German), wine festivals are far more prevalent. Most towns in and near the primary wine-growing regions hold some type of street wine festival. These are highly recommended since you get a chance to sample dozens of wines for nominal amounts of money and nearly all festivals sell you quaint one-tenth liter sampling glasses replete with town logo or some other symbol of import commemorating that festival. Here you can wander the marketplace or streets and contently down samples of local wines.

Mosel Wine Festivals 2016

From April – September, 2016: From early spring through fall, the towns along the Mosel hold “**Weinfeste**” (wine festivals). Local foods and wines are served and a general party atmosphere prevails. The **Mosel Valley** is full of vineyards that rise up the hills from the river banks. There is likely to be a wine festival in one town or another every weekend in the Mosel region.

Website: www.mosellandtouristik.de/

Quite apart from the various times, motives, and occasions of their founding, the various local festivals resemble one another considerably. Except for slight differences, most of them offer the kind of fair activity described in the previous chapter. All of them endeavor to attract as many guests as possible. This is most evident at a special type of festival: the wine or wine-growers’ festival.

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