

HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Ahr

562 hectares

"The 2020 wine year can be described in a nutshell as follows: Small amount - very good quality," says Knut Schubert, district manager of the Rhineland-Nassau Winegrowers' Association. After a low yield in 2019, this year's expected volume of 39,000 hectoliters is again certainly on par with the long-term average - but from the winemaker's point of view it should have been a little more. The vineyards in the steep and terraced areas, typical of the narrow Ahr Valley, suffered particularly from the drought. In the Altenahr area, there was also late frost in May which further impacted the expected yield. Diseases, rot and pests barely occurred throughout the year. All harvesting is done exclusively by hand on the slopes of the Ahr, and only the water-stressed parts of the grape had to be removed. In order to meet the increased demand for white wine, the proportion of Blanc de Noir on the Ahr has been increasing for some time. Similarly, because rosé wines are also becoming increasingly popular, many areas were harvested earlier than usual. "The 2020 vintage on the Ahr will convince connoisseurs with excellent wine quality. Must weights of over 100 degrees Oechsle were not uncommon for the Pinot varieties," says Schubert. The color of the Frühburgunder and Spätburgunder (Pinot Noir) are also deep red.