

HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Baden

15,836 hectares

Harvest was earlier than ever! The winemakers in the most south-westerly winegrowing region began to harvest their grapes in mid-August. This year, the people of Baden can look back on optimal weather conditions with many cool summer nights. This was an advantage especially for the typical grape varieties here, the Pinot varieties. "2020 was a comparatively easy year for the Baden winegrowers without problems of disease in the vineyard," says Baden's viticulture president Rainer Zeller. The winemakers were able to harvest extremely healthy grapes. The wines are characterized by a correspondingly fruity character, and the red wines by their intense color. Only the drought caused disadvantages. Due to the lack of precipitation, the yields were slightly lower, which was particularly evident in the Pinot varieties. Overall, the estimated harvest volume of 1.1 million hectoliters is 11 percent below the previous year's value and 10 percent below the long-term average. The winegrowers have been observing the problem of water scarcity for several years, and the winegrowing association is also taking the issue seriously. "In the future we will have to think about irrigation," says Zeller. Hence watering systems are already being installed in many new sites.