

HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Nahe

4,239 hectares

The president of the Nahe Winegrowers' Association, Thomas Höfer, described the year 2020 as a "Triple A" vintage: both quantity and quality as well as the growing conditions were exceptionally good. Such a combination is rare. On the Nahe there was almost no late frost and little hail. The grapes had reached excellent must weights relatively early and were perfectly healthy and ripe. The Nahe vintners harvested an estimated 339,000 hectoliters, seven percent more than the long-term average. Most wineries started harvesting around a week earlier than usual, in the second week of September. And here, too, luck played its part: many vintners had brought in their harvest before a wet period began in September that would have endangered the health of the grapes. In the previous months, however, as in all growing regions, there was too little rainfall. Young vines in particular, whose roots are not yet so deeply anchored, were stressed by drought due to the lack of rain. "We need research into varieties of grapevines that can cope better with these conditions," says Höfer.