

HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Pfalz

23,684 hectares

The luck of the Palatinate showed already in spring. The vegetation was able to develop at mild temperatures without frost damage. The first green shoots sprouted nine days earlier than in previous years. The above-average warmth ran like a red thread through the following months. All development stages in the vineyards started earlier and proceeded more quickly than usual. In July, however, a period of heat lasting several days caused sunburn damage to the grapes. The late summer was also dry, so the winemakers could harvest in peace and in most cases without time pressure. The Pinots were the only exception: Speed was required here so that the must weights and thus the alcohol values did not become too high. The advantage of the drought in this growing area was that there were no diseases. With an estimated 2.3 million hectoliters, the winemakers brought in a harvest that was six percent above the average for the past ten years. Thanks to the healthy condition of the grapes, there was perfect quality to work with in the cellar: The 2020 wines from the Pfalz are already concentrated and well-structured, with ripe fruit and high color density, which is particularly beneficial for the red wines.