

HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Rheingau

3,185 hectares

The Rheingau is also one of the few German winegrowing regions in which the winemakers were able to look forward to an above-average harvest this year. At an estimated 251,000 hectoliters, it was 20 percent above the long-term average. The vintage balance of the winegrowers on the right bank of the Rhine is that of a very special wine year, which already began with an early growing season. The Rheingau vintners were able to observe the second earliest flowering since the beginning of records - it was 16 days before the 30-year average. This brought all the growth development and vineyard work forward, resulting in a very early harvest. The Riesling harvest began in mid-September, which is rather unusual for the Rheingau. At the same time, the wineries were able to work under ideal weather conditions. Autumn passed calmly and relaxed, without time pressure due to rot. "We can be very satisfied with the healthy, aromatic grapes," said President Peter Seyffardt about the quality. The only drawback of the year, as in other growing regions, was the drought stress, especially in younger vines.