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The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Rheinhessen

26,860 hectares

In Germany's largest wine-growing region, too, the lack of precipitation was one of the greatest challenges this year. The rain was distributed very differently across the region, but there was far too little everywhere - for the third year in a row. "The past few years have shown that the subject of irrigation will also gain in importance in the future in viticulture," says Ingo Steitz, president of the Rheinhessen Viticulture Association. However, the weather also had its good sides, namely that the *Drosophila suzukii*, known as the cherry vinegar fly, which has been feared for several years, did not cause any problems in 2020. The estimated harvest of 2.45 million hectoliters was average and almost exactly matched that of the previous year. "However, this result does not reflect the precipitation-dependent, sometimes significant fluctuations in yield," says Kern. In terms of quality, 2020 joins the solid predecessor vintages. Due to the healthy condition of the grapes, the young wines have a clear aroma and, despite the high temperatures in late summer, sufficient acidity levels. The weather was particularly favorable to the red wines, which could mature perfectly. Thus, they are already presenting themselves today with strong tannins and a deep red color.