

HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

Saale-Unstrut

798 hectares

In Saale Unstrut, they know exactly what Cool Climate means - with all its advantages and disadvantages. Compared to the other German winegrowing regions, it lies particularly far north and therefore often has to contend with cooler conditions. This year they showed their unsightly side. A frost in mid-May caused considerable damage. "There has been frost in corners where there has never been frost," says the President of the Viticulture Association, Hans Albrecht Zieger. The consequences then became apparent in autumn: with an estimated 32,000 hectoliters, the winemakers harvested around 30 percent less than the average for the past ten years. This would mean that 2020 would undercut the already meagre 2019 vintage by 14 percent. But despite the disappointing quantity, the young wines from Saale-Unstrut promise a high quality. Thanks to the special climate at 51 degrees of latitude, the character of the Saale-Unstrut wines is incomparably racy, lively and straightforward.