

# HARVEST REPORT 2020 DWI

## The 2020 vintage in the German winegrowing regions

### Sachsen

#### 493 hectares

In the middle of April, many places in Saxony looked very mysterious: candles and controlled small fires were burning in some vineyards during the night. The winemakers lit them to protect their vines from the frosty nights. Because the buds had already burst, they were defenseless against the cold temperatures. Other vintners tried to use small windmills in the vineyards to mix the ice-cold air on the ground with warmer layers above. Unfortunately, such measures only saved a small portion of grapes, and there was severe frost damage in many other parts of the region. In summer, local hailstorms hit the vineyards, which were also subjected to the drought that characterized 2020. It really wasn't an easy year for Sachsen's winemakers. The consequences finally became apparent in autumn: According to the last estimate, with a wine must harvest of only 21,000 hectoliters, the harvest was 19 percent below the previous year's amount and five percent below the long-term average. One consolation for most winemakers was the quality of the grapes: the young wines are already extremely balanced and harmonious. This makes the 2020 wines from Sachsen an even bigger rarity than it already is.