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German Winegrowers expect low yield and good quality

The German winegrowers expect the yield in this year to be the smallest of the last 25 years.

Per the German Wine Institute (DWI), the estimated yield in 2010 will only amount to 7 million hectoliters. This amounts to approximately a fourth less than the yearly average of the past of 9.5 million hectoliters. The reason for the decreased yield can be traced to the reduced fruit set caused by unusually low temperatures at the time of the blossoming.

Further, freak weather occurrences in the course of the year have resulted in a reduction of the yield. The extraordinarily cool and damp August and September months necessitated a rigorous selection at the time of picking in order to gather only the healthy grapes. The grapes which ripen later in the season such as the Riesling and the Burgundies, however, were able to profit from the golden October weather and could soak up a great deal of sunshine.

The 2010 wines will be less full-bodied than their predecessors. They are characterized by the typical fresh fruit flavor and the vitalizing freshness which is highly esteemed in the local market and abroad. Furthermore this year's vintage will provide the friends of wine with first-class noble sweet wines.

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