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Harvest forecast Europe 2018

We are expecting a big harvest in Europe and for this we have prepared the following overview for the most important European wine producing countries. In general the winter was cold with plenty of snow and rain. In spring we had very little frost problems. In central Europe the month of April, May and June have been extremely warm – with average temperatures at record levels. To the contrary in this months the temperatures in Spain and Southern Italy were rather low with plenty of rain.

What is the forecast for the harvest in different European countries:

Italy

In Italy all indicators are very positive. There may be some problems with fungus because of torrential rains. Price for old wines 2017 have fallen slightly, but due to a limit stock there are no big price reductions. Because of the warm spring period we expect the harvest to start 2 weeks early – maybe end of July for early varieties. 2018 will bring a very good harvest and attractive prices. Here are some price indications: red wine and white wine from Southern Italy at EUR 3,80 – 4,20 per hl° and from Northern Italy at EUR 4,00 – 4,50 per hl°.



Spain

Spain is preparing for a big harvest – uncertainty is because of some hail storms, problems with fungus, and the upcoming very hot and dry summer months. Due to the cool spring period harvest is expected 2 weeks later than normal maybe end of August. Red wine is a rare good and therefore red wine prices will remain above white wine prices in Spain. Price indications for red wine EUR 4,50 – 5,00 per hl° and white wine at EUR 3,50 – 4,20 per hl°.



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France

With the exception of some hail storms in Bordeaux we have only good news from France. Nevertheless we do not expect table wines / vin de France prices at competitive values compared to Italy and Spain. Quantities and qualities will be very good.



Germany

All signals are on green for Germany – we expect a very big harvest. There is little demand for red wines and prices are already quite low. White wine is a more rare good. We forecast a big harvest with top quality wines at attractive prices. This year Germany might also produce some attractive table wines.



Austria

Following the good year 2017 also 2018 will be very good in both quality and quantity. 2018 will offer more table wines than before! In 2017 wine prices were competitive with Italy and Spain – we doubt this for the next harvest. Price indications are at EUR 45,00 – 50,00 per hl for table white and red wines. The harvest will start early maybe already end of July in Burgenland.



Eastern Europe

The conditions are excellent for another great harvest in all countries of Eastern Europe. In 2018 we will have offers of many varietal wines at attractive prices. For table wines it will be hard to compete with Italy and Spain. Harvest will start beginning of August. Make sure to work only with reliable partners.



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