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## **HARVEST 2016**

2 weeks before harvest will be finished in Spain we can see that the new crop will not reach the same quantity as last year. ( 43 million Hls) due to short rain we suffered this year since last crop and also because of the 2 weeks with extremely high temperatures we had just before harvesting ( over 40°C in La Mancha wine region), which stop the grape maturation in non-irrigated vineyards.

Harvest started this time with 2-3 weeks delay, grapes had low sugar content and less must as usual. Grape prices raised every day and we are paying today 40% more than first harvest day!

Regarding wine quality, White wines have lower alcohol content, but red wines have in average more color and alcohol.

Regarding prices we suggest to wait a couple of weeks more until harvest is finish and with the grapes in the cellars wine producers should realize that the wine prices cannot be increased as the grape prices. Any how we estimate prices will be higher than last year.

We will come back with next market report once we have more information about total Spanish crop and the production in each wine growing área.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have further questions about any wine in Spain

Regards

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