

**2015 SPANISH WINE CROP REPORT**

Harvest will be finish in 10-14 days. Grapes arrived healthy and dry in the wineries. Estimated crop should be 40-41 million Hls, about 10 – 15 % less than last year.

Different picture was at the beginning of the summer; Spain suffered under extremely high temperatures (over 40°C) in June and July. Brunches in not irrigated vineyards were burnt and early grape varieties crop like sauvignon blanc and chardonnay was really short. Rain and chill night temperatures End of August before harvest help the vineyards and compensate the grapes.

By regions, the production in North wine growing areas in Spain, Rioja, Navarra, Aragon, was superb, about 10% more than last year and grapes had sugar and colour!

Not so good was in La Mancha, where 50% of the crop comes from. Production will be 10-15% less, even with new plantations new production.

And the red wine growing area in East Spain, Valencia, Utiel-Requena, Jumilla... will get again an average crop after the short one of last year, although some areas have suffer 3 times hail!

Estimated crop in the main regions ( in million Hls ), compare with last year crop

NAVARRA	800.000 Hls	➔	+ 8 - 10% more than last crop
RIOJA	2,3 million Hls	➔	+ 6 – 10% more
ARAGON	1,8 million Hls	➔	+ 8 – 12 % more
CATALUÑA	3,1 million Hls	➔	- 4 – 6 % less
CASTILLA LEON	2 million Hls	➔	- 6 – 8 % less
LA MANCHA	22 – 23 m Hls	➔	- 8 – 12 % less
VALENCIA	2 million Hls	➔	+ 10% more ( DO Valencia and Utiel-Requena)
MURCIA (Jumilla)	700.000 Hls	➔	20 – 25 % more
EXTREMADURA	3,8 million Hls	➔	- 5 – 10% less
ANDALUCIA	1 millon Hls	➔	- 5 % less ( Sherry + 10%; Montilla -20%)
OTHERS	1 million Hls	=	Galicia, Madrid, Balaeres and Canary Islands

All this figures include 3,5 – 4 million Hls grape must, similar quantity as last year which could be not enough for the demand.

Regarding prices, La Mancha starts harvest paying 10% for the grapes more than last year and wine producers try to increase prices in same percentage. Please keep in mind that we don't start the season with the huge stock of last one!

Anyhow we will have an average crop, with less demand from our neighbor countries, and prices should be similar to last year ones.

Please, don't hesitate to contact us if you have further questions about wines.