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Friuli Venezia Giulia Grape Harvest Projected to Rise Ten Percent in 2025

Unstable weather and early ripening contribute to strong yields, reinforcing the region’s importance in Italian wine production

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The 2025 grape harvest in Friuli Venezia Giulia is expected to reach about 1.8 million hectoliters, marking a 10% increase compared to 2024. This projection comes from a report by Assoenologi, the Unione Italiana Vini (UIV), and the Istituto di Servizi per il

Mercato Agricolo Alimentare (Ismea), in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and regional authorities. Among the northeastern regions of Italy, Friuli Venezia Giulia shows the highest estimated growth, followed by Trentino Alto Adige with a 9% increase. Veneto, another major wine-producing region, is expected to see only a 2% rise.

The report highlights that the 2025 season in Friuli Venezia Giulia was marked by unstable weather patterns and frequent shifts in climate conditions. June brought intense heat and drought, but July saw unusually cool and rainy weather, especially in the lowland areas. In August, temperatures rose again, but regular rainfall supported grape ripening. The vines followed their vegetative cycle without significant anomalies and reached harvest readiness about a week earlier than usual for the region.

Heavy rainfall in the second half of August affected grape health in areas with poor drainage, which also contributed to an earlier start to the harvest. Phytosanitary treatments were generally consistent with previous years, with a slight reduction in more ventilated zones.

Harvesting of Pinot Grigio began in the last week of August, followed by Glera grapes used for Prosecco production. Typically, the harvest period lasts around ten days, but this year’s unstable weather could extend that timeframe. The grapes collected so far show good levels of ripeness. In areas where rainfall was particularly high, there have been some cases of botrytis mold, but these have been limited thanks to the warm conditions earlier in August.

Yields are reported to be good and largely consistent with recent years’ averages. The combination of favorable weather during key periods and effective vineyard management has helped maintain both quality and quantity for this year’s harvest. The data suggest that Friuli Venezia Giulia will continue to play a significant role in Italy’s wine production landscape in 2025.