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Loire Valley’s 2025 Wine Harvest Begins Record Early, Promises High Quality Despite Lower Yields

Producers in Anjou-Saumur, Nantes, and Touraine anticipate expressive wines after intense heatwaves and accelerated ripening.

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InterLoire, the interprofessional association representing the Loire Valley’s wine sector, has released its 2025 harvest report, providing a detailed overview of this year’s vintage across the region’s three main Protected Designations of Origin (PDOs): Anjou-

Saumur, Nantes, and Touraine. The report comes after a season marked by high temperatures and early ripening, trends that have also been observed in other major French wine regions such as the Rhône Valley and Burgundy.

According to InterLoire, the 2025 harvest was characterized by moderate yields but strong organoleptic quality, meaning the wines are expected to show excellent taste and aroma profiles. The association noted that the hot weather advanced the start of harvest throughout the Loire. The first Chardonnay grapes destined for sparkling wines were picked shortly after August 15, an unusually early date for the region.

In Nantes, home to Muscadet production, harvesting began on August 22. Growers reported healthy grapes and an early start to picking. InterLoire described the 2025 Muscadet vintage as promising for wines with good aging potential, citing a balance between maturity and freshness.

Anjou-Saumur saw an even earlier start, with picking beginning on August 18—a record for the area. Conditions remained favorable throughout the harvest period. All wine styles from this PDO—sparkling, rosé, red, and white—showed high levels of ripeness. Producers in Anjou-Saumur expect these factors to translate into wines with depth and character.

Touraine also benefited from favorable weather conditions. The report indicates that fruit quality was high across the region, setting expectations for precise and expressive wines from this vintage.

Pierre-Jean Sauvion, president of InterLoire’s Communication Committee, commented on the challenges faced during the growing season. He highlighted that flexibility and quick decision-making were essential for growers as they navigated two intense heatwaves followed by rainfall at the end of July. These weather events accelerated grape ripening in August.

Sauvion emphasized that the 2025 vintage reflects the Loire’s identity as a region known for freshness and elegance in its wines. He credited local winegrowers for adapting to changing conditions and maintaining quality standards across different grape varieties and vineyard plots.

InterLoire represents around 3,000 winegrowers, merchants, and cooperatives in the Loire Valley. The organization accounts for about 80% of wine production in France’s third-largest PDO wine-growing region. Its mission includes promoting and enhancing Loire Valley wines both domestically and internationally.

The 2025 harvest report from InterLoire suggests that despite lower yields compared to some previous years, consumers can expect high-quality wines from Anjou-Saumur, Nantes, and Touraine when they reach the market. Growers remain optimistic about both immediate drinking appeal and aging potential for this vintage.