



Grape Harvest 2009

I think you will appreciate some information regarding the ongoing harvest 2009.

Around Greater Benevento area weather conditions, from pruning to bloom and now during grapes collection, have been perfect, with a lot of sunshine and abundant rainfall from July to August; at the end of last month we had copious summer rains that washed the grapes and supported the final absorption of nutrients from the soil.

Finally, from mid-September, the nights have started to be more than fresh, a circumstance that has significantly affected the sugar content of grapes and its entire composition.

The harvest, both for white and red grapes, has been anticipated by a week, and it's now proceeding according to usual time.

The amount of grapes produced is assumed to be in significant decrease, in line with the national trend.

It's still too early to provide definitive data, but the work done so far gives us the confidence that 2009 will be a year of quality, both for white and red wines.

Good work and warm regards

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