Wine production increased by 11% to 2.75 million hectolitres in 2018

Vienna, 2019-03-01 – In 2018, 2.75 million hl of wine were produced, as Statistics Austria reports. This means an increase of 11% compared to 2017 and an even higher increase (+24%) compared to the five years production average. The harvest comprised 1.86 million hl of white wine (+13% to 2017) and 892 400 hl of red wine (+7% to 2017).

What especially characterised the wine year 2018 were the short blooming period which had already been over at the end of May, due to the warm weather in spring, and an exceptionally early grape harvest. Lower Austria (+15%), Burgenland (+7%) and Vienna (+10%) yielded higher amounts of wine than in 2017 whereas the wine production in Styria decreased by 6% compared to 2017, due to heavy rains in September which accelerated the rotting of the grapes.

Concerning the wine products, the amount of "Qualitätswein/Prädikatswein" increased to 2.56 million hl (+10% to 2017) and the quantity of "Wein/Landwein" rose to 158 800 hl (+29% to 2017).

According to the wine stock survey 2018, a stock of 2.66 million hl (+12% to 2017) of wine products was noted. Both the volume of stored white wines (1.52 million hl) and the stock of red wines (1.14 million hl) increased by 12%. The capacity of "Qualitätswein/Prädikatswein" increased to 2.15 million hl (+14% to 2017) and the stock of "Wein/Landwein" increased to 270 600 hl (+17% to 2017).

For more detailed information please refer to the German version.