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## First exclusive Consorzio DOC delle Venezie Pinot Grigio harvest closes

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The first exclusive Pinot Grigio and the second grape harvest of the Consorzio DOC delle Venezie is coming to a close.

The consortium said the harvest had been characterised by "healthy, high quality grapes" with an average increase in volume of between 15 to 20% compared to the average of previous years, in line with the positive national trend of harvests increasing by 30% in 2017 in some areas, it said.

The positive harvest would help the newly formed consortium, which is made up of major players from Venezie, Trentino and Friuli, "win trust and serenity" in the markets," said president Albino Armani.

"It is our first exclusively DOC Pinot Grigio harvest which we are celebrating with very good overall quality and a management of the production potential by the consortium," he said.

A favourable climate had allowed the vineyards to reach a state of "good health" resulting in the right gradation of sweetness and balanced acidity levels in the grapes, he added, with the good weather gracing the Tri-Veneto area during the grape harvest having brought a healthy product to the cellars promising "a very interesting vintage", said the consortium, which was formed to protect, promote and enhance Pinot Grigio.

"The Pinot Grigio has given the best of itself this year managing to combine colour, acidity and PH at maximum levels with generous quantities on the vine which allows us to best approach the second year of sales of this young denomination," said Armani.

As a precautionary measure against a harvest, which was predicted as being generous, the consortium asked for storage space (for a defined quota equal to 20% of the predicted production) from the Autonomous Province of Trento and the Regions of Friuli-Venezia Giulia and Veneto last July in order to control the supply of product to market.

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