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California: Early Reports Put 2018 Harvest at Above Average

California wine industry maintains an optimistic view, larger wineries sitting on full inventories. Growers and winemakers expressed optimism about the 2018 California wine grape harvest as bunch closure was occurring in many parts of the state. An average to above-average crop of about 4 million to 4.25 million tons was predicted by well-informed sources including the Allied Grape Growers Cooperative and Ciatti & Co., grape and bulk wine brokers. Winemakers also liked what they saw in vineyards in terms of crop size and condition. [Click here to read more]