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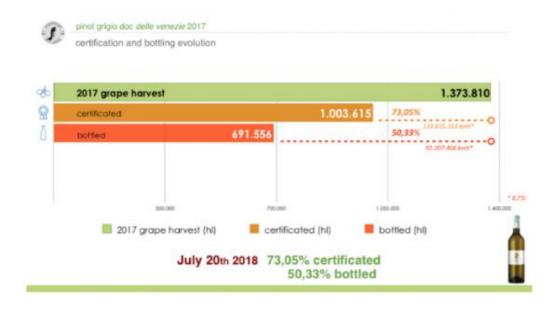
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## ONE MILLION HECTOLITRES OF WINE NOW CERTIFIED UNDER PINOT GRIGIO DELLE VENEZIE DOC

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Figures from the first six months since the creation of the Pinot Grigio delle Venezie DOC have yielded "excellent results" with over one million hectolitres of certified wine now recorded.



Figures revealed by the newly formed DOC show that the requests for certification rose by 73% in the 2017 vintage and bottling by 50%. In addition, from 1 August, Pinot Grigio grown in Veneto, Friuli and Trentino-Alto Adige can no longer be bottled as IGT.

Over 130 million bottles of Pinot Grigio now have DOC status with the production zone now expecting "zero stock" before the end of December 2018.

President of the Consorzio delle Venezie DOC, Albino Armani, commented: "The positive signs that come from the market, confirmed by the growth in the demand for certified products – which has exceeded one million hI – and bottled, invite however to maintain a balanced attitude towards the future. Looking with extreme care and sense of responsibility for the forthcoming harvest, which is expected to be richer (+ 20%) – basing on the results of the technical-economic report elaborated by the Interdepartmental Center for Viticulture and Oenology Research University of Padua,