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PROSECCO PREPARES FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

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A hilly corner of the Veneto in northern Italy was awarded Unesco World Heritage designation this past July, and odds are you are already familiar with it. It is the area known as Conegliano Valdobbiadene in the heart of Prosecco country. But is this designation enough to save the vineyards from global warming?



How Climate Change Affects Prosecco

More dramatic weather patterns are already upon us. As I type this, 330 California wildfires are burning, hurricanes are blasting through the south, and the Midwest is experiencing an early and extreme snowstorm.

For the grape growers of Prosecco, the biggest concern with warming in the vineyards is that their grapes would accumulate sugar more rapidly, and at the expense of natural acidity. Think of a tart, zesty, crisp versus soft, fleshy sweet tomato. The resulting sparkling wines would lose their freshness and delicacy, their very hallmark.