

# Bund Badischer Landjugend

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## **„Bund Badischer Landjugend“- Policy Document: Task Force Viticulture**

We, the young wine growers from Südbaden in South Germany request that the EU planting right regime must stay in place.

Our region is characterised by traditional vineyard sites which consist of steep and sloping sites as well as terraced vineyards. These are managed by small structured fulltime & parttime wineries and fruit farmers.

### **Losing the current EU planting right regime would mean:**

- Moving viticulture from steep sites to lowlands, which would lead to the loss of high grade premium sites
- Destruction of the precious cultural landscape with its typical diversity of species in flora and fauna which should be conserved
- Loss of attractiveness in the areas of tourism and the hotel and restaurant trade
- Wiping out a thousands-of-years-old tradition, which consequently will lead to a gradual industrialisation of our cultural asset, wine
- Threats to the livelihoods of medium-sized wineries and, as a result from that, to our future
- Oversupply of low-priced wine from mass production, which will enhance degradation of high-quality viticulture and viniculture
- Loss of personal contact between wine grower and consumer as a result from the anonymity of the generic wine racks in food retailers and discounters
- Scrub encroachment of landscape = decrease of biodiversity
- Advancement of rural depopulation

***We, the young winegrowers of the „Bund Badischer Landjugend“ demand that the current EU planting right regime must stay in place across Europe, even beyond the years 2015 and 2018.***

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