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Re-established" - After the foundation of the Federal Republic of Germany, the natural wine auctioneers also come together again.

Up and down the country, important anniversaries have been and will be celebrated this year, including "70 Years of the Basic Law" on 23 May. Also for the "Verband Deutscher Naturweinversteigerer"(association of natural wine auctioneers), today's VDP, the immediate post-war period ended in 1949. In the summer of that year, representatives of the then five natural wine auctioneers' associations Pfalz, Rheingau, Rheinhessen, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer and Baden met to bring the association "back to life", as it was called on 30 July 1949 in a short note in the "Deutsche Wein-Zeitung".

How so? In contrast to almost all agricultural organisations, the VDNV, founded in Trier in 1910, had not been dissolved during the Nazi era. In 1934 it was affiliated to the Reichsnährstand, not integrated. A re-establishment in the legal sense was therefore not necessary.

However, in 1949 it was necessary to elect a new chairman. Jakob Werner, the manager of a renowned Rheingau winery, had passed away: As a convinced Nazi, the then district farmer's leader had been imposed as chairman of the association in 1934. Since 1945, nothing had been heard or seen from him. Thus in 1949 Werner's long-standing deputy, the Wachenheim wine estate owner Dr. Alfred Bürklin, became the first chairman of the VDNV after the Second World War - and was to remain so until 1969.

However, before the Federal Republic was founded and the VDNV revitalised, the first "free" wine auction of a regional association after the war had taken place in Trier on 18 and 19 February 1949: 21 members of the "Große Ring von Weingutsbesitzern von Mosel, Saar und Ruwer" presented 137 wines from the best vineyards far and wide, almost all of them from the top vintage of 1947. Seventy years and a few months later the time has come again: Recently the members of the "VDP.Grosser Ring" (today's VDP.Mosel) in Trier and some wineries from Nahe, Ahr and Rheinhessen in Bad Kreuznach auctioned off "top wines of a top vintage", as it was called seventy years ago.

Here are the [auction results 2019](#).

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