

The truffle and its host, the oak tree

In the Var province, most truffle growers own private land on which they plant oak trees and inoculate the roots of the tree with the fungal spores. At the Domaine de Majastre in Bauduen, five truffle hunters work with their dogs during the high season. You are paid per week and by the weight of the truffle. Harvest time and sales begin in late November or early December and continue until late February. The truffle hunt stops in March at the latest. In April, the multiplication of noble mushrooms begins. 5 to 15 truffles grow on a tree every year, but the first truffles on a tree or its roots can only be harvested after 10 years. From the age of 30, an oak tree only produces small truffles. It is then replaced by new plantings on plantations. For around 20 years, less and less rain has been falling in the Rhone-Alpes-Cote Azur region. The truffle growers now also have to water their trees in the summer. At the Domaine de Majastre, around 50 hectares of the 80 hectares of oak plantation are irrigated.



In the Var department, oak trees are used for truffle cultivation. At the age of 20-30 years, the truffles that grow on the roots of the trees become smaller / © Photo: Georg Berg

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Photos on the subject of truffle farming and truffle plantations

Truffles only grow on very specific deciduous trees. In Provence it is the oak. However, the plantation oaks do not grow old and stately, because at the tender age of 30 they only give small truffles. The tree is felled, its wood is processed and a new young oak tree is planted. Hover your cursor over a photo to see more information.



Texts on the subject of truffles, black, Tuber melanosporum

On the subject of black truffle, winter truffle, Tuber Melanosporum, we offer extensive photo material and texts from a trip at the beginning of the truffle season to the Rhone - Alpes - Cote Azur region in the Var department in France. The content of the topic can be expanded to include the following aspects:

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